

FORECAST—Fresh to strong southerly winds, showery and mild. Friday, fresh winds shifting to southwest, gradually clearing.

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LATEST

4 NAZI PLANES, 3 BRITISH DOWNED

LONDON (CP)—The air ministry tonight announced four German Messerschmidts and three British fighters were shot down in a fierce air battle over Heligoland Bight "during the last 24 hours."

The British announcement said "considerable forces of the Royal Air Force have been operating over the North Sea in the last 24 hours."

The operations included a wide search for enemy surface craft and submarines and close reconnaissance of estuaries and islands of northwest Germany, the announcement said.

On one of those flights the air battle took place when one British formation engaged "strong enemy fighter forces."

The announcement added that except for three British warplanes shot down over Heligoland all British formations returned without loss.

Nazis' Version

BERLIN (AP)—German authorities claimed tonight six British bombers and one German Messerschmidt fighter were shot down in a big air battle near the Friesen Island of Spiekeroog this afternoon.

Germans said a number of Messerschmidts engaged 12 British bombers when they appeared near Spiekeroog, which is the second Friesen Island from Wilhelmshaven and is southwest of Heligoland.

SATISFIED!

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mayor Lyle Telford said he was "satisfied to accept Mr. Wismer's decision" when advised that Attorney-General Wismer had refused to issue writs for prosecution of two Vancouver cabarets which remained open after midnight last Saturday.

"The Attorney-General has accepted his responsibility in ruling in so far as the Lord's Day Act is concerned, and that matter is now beyond our jurisdiction," the mayor said.

Alien Bandit

TORONTO (CP)—Harry Muller, 37, arrested Monday as a vagrant when police learned he had not registered as an alien under the War Measures Act, today was charged with armed robbery of the Bank of Toronto branch at Cardinal, Ont., 45 miles south of Ottawa. Two men armed with revolvers robbed the bank of \$2,300.

4 Airmen Killed

LONDON (CP)—Names of the four airmen who lost their lives when their plane crashed into a balloon barrage cable near Southampton Tuesday, disclosed today when the inquest was opened, were: Richard H. Harriot Hill, 24, London; Michael Fortnum, 19, Surrey; Michael McLoughlin, 25, Essex; Louis Morhead, 19, Durham.

DEATH FOR ALL REDS

PARIS (CP-Havas)—N. Ybarra-garay, rightist deputy, advocated the death penalty for all leaders of the outlawed French Communist Party in the Chamber of Deputies today.

Ybarra-garay said the Communists, advocating a peace settlement with Germany and supporting the Moscow-Berlin pact, were guilty of treason and merited the extreme penalty.

Hit and Run

VANCOUVER (CP)—Police today sought an automobile driver who fled from the scene of an accident after being told that Mrs. J. L. Arnold, 22, in a machine with which he collided had suffered cuts about the face.

It was the fifth time in two weeks that automobile drivers failed to stop after being involved in accidents.

Scouting Units Clash

PARIS (AP)—The French high command's communiqué tonight reported "rather sharp engagements" between reconnaissance units in the Vosges and along the Biles.

Lower

OTTAWA (CP)—Income tax collections for the first eight months of the current fiscal year, April to November inclusive, amounted to \$115,293,462, a decrease of \$9,555,126 compared with the same period last year.

2 Irish Bombers Sentenced to Death

LONDON (CP)—Two men convicted of complicity in an explosion at Coventry last August 25 in which five persons were killed and for which the outlawed Irish Republican Army was blamed were sentenced to death today.

One of the convicted men, James Richards, 29, cried "God Bless Ireland and God Bless the Men Who Fought and Died for Her!" as sentence was passed.

The other, Peter Barnes, 32, declared he was innocent before the court decreed the death penalty.

DISLOYAL

BRAMPTON, Ont. (CP)—Walter Lips, 60, Inglewood farmer, today was sentenced to three months and fined \$200 or an additional four months for making statements causing disaffection to the King. On a charge of assaulting August Rutz, 21-year-old farmhand, he was sentenced to a month in jail, to run concurrently.

The charges arose from an argument following a report that Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany had been assassinated.

Blue Law Appeal

WINNIPEG (CP)—N.E. Munson barrister today said he intended to appeal the conviction of his client, Aaron Y. Raber, on a charge under the Lord's Day Act. Raber, a grocer, was convicted by Magistrate Graham of selling a bar of soap and a package of soap chips Sunday, November 19, and fined \$5 and costs.

Cheaper Liquor

MONTREAL (CP)—The Quebec liquor commission announced today price reductions of 10 to 50 cents a bottle for alcoholic beverages. The cut is effective tomorrow and is being made in an attempt to reduce the flow of contraband liquor into the province.

Missing

British Columbia police today said a search party of seven men under Corporal Thomas Herdman, has left for Brighton Beach, North Arm of Burrard Inlet, to seek John Leroy, missing since Monday, when Robert Montgomery, who accompanied Leroy on a hunting expedition, arrived in North Vancouver to report his partner missing. Both men are from Burnaby.

Pioneer Gone

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. Ruth Morton, 91, believed to be the first white woman to settle in what is now Vancouver, died at her home here today. She landed here in 1888 from England.

The Ruth Morton Memorial Church was built here 26 years ago with money set aside for that purpose by her husband before his death in 1912.

Christmas Carols Through the Ages



GOOD KING WENCESLAS

"Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp, and even . . ."

King Wenceslas ruled Bohemia from 928 to 935 and was known for his many kindnesses. Legend has it that he and a servant once carried meat, wine and wood to a peasant through deep snow. The page was overcome by cold, but found himself miraculously warmed by setting his feet in his master's footprints. Words written in England in 1852 were set to a 16th century folk tune.

8 Shopping Days Till Christmas

British Naval Death Watch Kept on Damaged Graf Spee

Russia Expelled By Unanimous Vote of League

GENEVA (AP)—A telegram informing Soviet Russia of her expulsion from the League of Nations was dispatched to Moscow tonight by Joseph A. C. Avenol, secretary-general of the league.

Earlier today, the League, by unanimous vote of its council, expelled Russia because of her invasion of Finland.

Four members of the council, including Finland, abstained from voting on the expulsion motion. The others were China, Yugoslavia and Greece.

The vote was on a resolution which declared that as a result of Russia's actions toward Finland "the U.S.S.R. no longer is a member of the League."

Unanimous vote of the council is necessary to expel a member. Abstentions do not affect unanimity.

This is the first time in League history that a nation has been expelled.

INVITATION TO OTHERS

The council acted after the assembly had condemned Russia as an aggressor, called on its members to aid Finland and approved an invitation to non-League nations, such as the United States, also to help the little republic.

The council and assembly both adjourned after taking action on the Russian-Finnish issue.

Joseph Paul-Boncour, the French delegate, just before the council vote, declared that although France would give Finland all possible help and would vote for Russian expulsion, she could not do so without recalling past aggressions.

He told the council that "aggressions which preceded this one made it possible."

He declared the League "perhaps is waking a little late" and referred to former Russian Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinoff's frequent condemnations of aggression before the council. He broke away from his prepared text to say "Russia's violation is connected with all past aggression."

BRITAIN'S STAND

M. Paul-Boncour was followed by R. A. Butler, Britain's foreign undersecretary, who also made slight changes in his prepared speech to meet his ally's stand. He emphasized nothing was as important to the Allies as the war with Germany.

Of the 39 states present at the assembly sitting, nine abstained from voting on the resolution condemning Russia as an aggressor and asking members to aid Finland. They were the three Scandinavian countries, Norway, Sweden and Denmark; three Baltic countries, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia; Switzerland, China and Bulgaria.

WHAT A PARTY!

WASHINGTON (AP)—There may be cold glances and stiff bows in the White House parlors tonight, when diplomats from 53 nations—some warring, some barely speaking, and some vanished—gather for their annual reception by President Roosevelt.

Continued absence of the German ambassador has averted one possible delicate situation. Instead of preceding the French Embassy staff, German diplomats will fall in near the rear of the line, taking the rank of their charge d'affaires, Hans Tomsen.

But it appeared certain that the Japanese delegation would be right on the heels of the Chinese. Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador, arrived last October just two months before Ambassador Horinouchi of Japan.

Precedence will put the Russian diplomats just ahead of the British staff. In front of the Russians will be the Spanish group. General Franco and the Soviet government have no diplomatic relations.

Otherwise the line-up appears comparatively safe.

Wisner Refuses Fiat To Enforce Sunday Law

Attorney-General Wisner announced today that Vancouver cabarets which stay open after midnight Saturday will not be prosecuted under the Lord's Day Act.

His ruling was the result of a new flare-up last weekend in Vancouver's problem of Sunday cabarets. An appeal was made to the Attorney-General for a fiat to prosecute. This has been refused.

Mr. Wisner said that unseemly conduct or drunkenness in cabarets after midnight Saturday had nothing to do with the Lord's Day Act, and was a matter for Vancouver police.

The Attorney-General said:

"The Lord's Day Act was passed many years ago for the purpose as I conceive it of providing for a decent and sane observance of the Sabbath. It was never flexible so that the rules for Sunday observance could meet changing conditions in a changing world, always having in mind the important and underlying principle of the enactment. For example, in the earlier stages of the enforcement of this act such things as the operation of golf courses and tennis courts, even hunting and fishing would have met with a prosecution, and

the provision in the act that no prosecution should take place without the consent of the Attorney-General of the province was in my opinion placed in the statute so that the desires of the different communities throughout Canada should be given consideration, not losing sight of the basic principle that there should be a proper observance of the Sabbath Day.

"Bearing in mind this principle the modern viewpoint and living conditions as they exist today and, of course, presupposing the elimination of alleged abuses and unseemly practices which have nothing whatever to do with the Lord's Day Act but are dealt with by other statutes, I am unable to see how the fact that young people are allowed to enjoy themselves by dancing in properly-conducted cabarets for an hour or two after midnight on a Saturday night can be considered to interfere with the same and decent observance of the Sabbath Day within the true meaning and spirit of the act."

Mr. Wisner pointed out that from a purely practical standpoint young people barred from cabarets at midnight Saturday might easily take advantage of other places of amusement much more dangerous to their morals.

Finns Recapture Extensive Section 80 Rumanians Killed By Blast

HELSINGFORS (AP)—A Finnish army communiqué asserted tonight that an extensive area had been recaptured by the Finns in the vicinity of Toivajärvi and the Russian invaders been forced to retreat.

It accused the invaders of using gas in fighting at Suhmussalmi, 20 miles inside Finland at almost the midpoint of the eastern frontier, but added the gas was largely ineffective.

The communiqué follows: "Land—On the Karelian Isthmus, Dec. 13, localized fighting took place during which the enemy lost among other things 11 tanks. On the eastern front the enemy continued unsuccessful in attack."

"Attacks supported by armored cars have been fierce especially in the vicinity of Koivunjoa."

"At Toivajärvi (75 miles north of Lake Ladoga) our counterattacks were driven to a successful conclusion and on the evening of Dec. 13 it was possible to determine that during a fierce, three-day battle two Russian regiments were almost completely annihilated. The enemy's total losses were vast. The area of Toivajärvi now is in our possession and our forces are pursuing the retreating enemy."

"Sea—Enemy naval forces on Dec. 13 bombed batteries on Koivisto Island. Our batteries returned fire and in addition supported land forces, destroying among other things a major enemy battery. Our artillery fire forced the enemy naval forces to retreat."

"Air—Owing to bad weather Dec. 13 the enemy and our own air activity were at a minimum. In northern Finland our forces shot down an enemy plane. In addition, in the vicinity of Espoo, there has been found destroyed an enemy bombing plane which apparently participated in the bombing of Helsingfors."

RETREATING FINNS BLAST NICKEL MINES

KIRKENES, Norway (At the Finnish Frontier) (AP)—Russian troops neared flaming Salmijarvi tonight as Finnish forces retreated southward except for a rearguard detachment left to explode dynamite charges in valuable Canadian-owned nickel mines.

As far as could be seen from the Norwegian frontier town of Pasvik, all villages and habitations on the Finnish side were aflame. The Russians were expected to reach Salmijarvi some time tonight.

The Finns were preserving good order as they withdrew along the Arctic highway.

Norwegians laid dynamite on the frozen river Pasvik, separating Norway and Finland, to be exploded if necessary to safeguard their neutrality.

No More Raids By Pocket Ship Says Chamberlain

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared today that "the gallant action" of "three comparatively small British ships against a much more heavily armed adversary" probably would free the south Atlantic from depredations of the German raider Admiral Graf Spee.

Addressing the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain gave the following description of the naval battle off the coast of Uruguay:

"Shortly after 6 yesterday morning, the six-inch-gun cruiser Ajax reported it was in contact with a German pocket battleship."

"Thereupon, in company with the eight-inch-gun cruiser Exeter and the six-inch-gun Achilles, it attacked the enemy, who made off in the direction of Montevideo."

"During the action, which was of severe character, H.M.S. Exeter received damage which reduced her speed and forced her to drop from the fight."

CHASED INTO HARBOR

"The two six-inch-gun cruisers, however, continued the pursuit and about midnight the German ship, which turned out to be the Admiral Graf Spee, carrying six 11-inch guns, sought refuge within the Uruguayan territorial waters and is now anchored off Montevideo."

"A statement issued through the German minister to Uruguay admitted that the Admiral Graf Spee has 36 dead and 60 wounded and alleged that these losses were due to the use by the British cruisers of mustard gas."

"This characteristic statement is, of course, entirely without foundation. No gas shells or grenades have been made for, or used by, any ships of His Majesty's navy."

"Although the full details are not yet available, I think it is already apparent that a very gallant action has been fought by three comparatively small British ships against a much more heavily armed adversary, the result of which may well be to free the south Atlantic from the depredations of this raider."

Lord Chatfield, defence co-ordination minister, speaking in the House of Lords, said there was no doubt the Graf Spee would "soon be at sea again—for a short time."

Britain and Uruguay now had the legal position of the damaged pocket battleship, anchored in Montevideo, under "active consideration," he said.

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Firemen of surrounding towns and soldiers in gas masks battered down doors to drag hundreds of unconscious persons to safety. They picked up scores of others from where they had fallen in the streets of the little Rumanian town.

While first reports of the explosion did not indicate sabotage, the disaster followed a series of train wrecks and plant fires which have caused heavy losses and for which many persons blame "foreign agents."

Following today's disaster the government ordered a military guard over all oil fields.

Britain's Casualties In 3 Months 2,100

LONDON (CP)—Great Britain's total casualties in the first three months of the war were approximately 2,100 dead, Prime Minister Chamberlain said today in reply to a question in the House of Commons. This figure for all British forces compared with 12,500 during the first two months of war in 1914, he said.

Mr. Chamberlain did not divide the casualties according to the various arms of service. However, the latest report on Royal Air Force fatalities listed 442. Naval losses were approximately 1,630.

Dollars Precious

LONDON (CP)—The British Treasury has rule against financing imports from countries except the United States with United States dollars. The move was designed to conserve dollars to pay for purchases in the United States.

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Squadron Ready If Raider Leaves Montevideo

LONDON (CP)—The Admiralty announced tonight naval forces watching the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee "have been strongly reinforced."

No details were given, however, of the additions to the cruisers Ajax and Achilles which mounted guard outside Montevideo to prevent escape of the Nazi warship from the neutral port.

(The cruiser Exeter, which was in yesterday's battle, was not far away today. That 8-inch-gun ship was damaged in the fight and it was not known if she would be ready to shell the Graf Spee if the latter should attempt to slip to sea. The Ajax and Achilles carry 6-inch guns.)

REPAIRS RUSHED

NEW YORK (AP)—A daring attempt by the shell-torn German pocket battleship Graf Spee to run the gauntlet of British cruisers holding a "death watch" outside the harbor of Montevideo, Uruguay, was forecast today in an NBC broadcast from the South American port.

The NBC announcer said the German ship was rushing repairs and seemingly desperate efforts were being made to steam out of the harbor before a time deadline could intern the Graf Spee for the duration of the war.

He also said a reinforced squadron of British cruisers was lying in wait at the mouth of the Plate River, but did not specify the ships involved.

One hint, he said, of the German plan was given when the German tanker Tacoma, loaded with 600,000 gallons of fuel oil, steamed out to sea—presumably

to await the Graf Spee and refuel her.

Also on the broadcast was a man who went out in the harbor in a motorboat and observed the 10,000-ton 11-inch gun German battleship at fairly close range.

"The Graf Spee is full of battle scars," he said. "On the port side about 60 feet from the bow and five feet above the water-line there is a big hole. It is about three or four feet in diameter. The edges of the hull are bent outward, which made me think when I saw her that something must have exploded inside the ship."

"I also noticed the forward observation tower had been split right through. One of the towers near the forward 6-inch guns was practically torn from its base."

"The airplane on the catapult also was damaged and the top was torn off. Debris was all over the place. They were repairing the ship, I believe, to put on full speed and get ready for the sea again."

"This morning I could not see the British cruisers reported lying off the harbor, although I had a good pair of glasses."

NBC said the 30 men dead on the Graf Spee would be brought ashore late this afternoon and buried in the neutral territory of Montevideo.

The announcer pointed out also the Tacoma could not transfer the fuel oil to the Graf Spee in the bay of a neutral port—that any such manoeuvre would have to be carried on outside.

(See descriptive stories and pictures on Pages 2 and 11).

Reich Liner Tries To Run Blockade

VERA CRUZ, Mexico (AP)—The 32,581-ton German liner Columbus slipped out of Vera Cruz in the darkness early today on what was an apparent attempt to reach a German port.

Also at sea was the German freighter Arauca, which cleared Vera Cruz harbor with a mixed cargo of fibre, nitrates and other consignments for New Orleans, La.

The Columbus, a rich war prize if it falls into the hands of Allied warships, obtained papers for a trans-Atlantic crossing.

The secrecy of her departure was because of the presence of British warships patrolling Gulf and Caribbean waters.

Representatives of the vessel had obtained papers for her departure, giving Oslo as her destination, and since yesterday noon she had been authorized to sail without further notice.

Crew members had been recalled from shore leave and the Columbus was heavily provisioned and fueled. In the past week she had taken aboard more than 20,000 barrels of oil.

Ship's agents also obtained papers yesterday for the German freighter Arauca which, according to her manifesto, has a cargo of 4,000 tons of fibre and a large quantity of nitrates, sulphur, crude oil, coffee and sugar consigned to New Orleans.

Her crew spent yesterday afternoon painting the vessel black.

350 Bodies Drift Ashore From Wreck

WAKKANAI, Hokkaido, Japan (AP)—Bodies of about 350 persons, half those believed lost in the blitz-tossed wreck of the Soviet Russian steamship Indigirka, drifted ashore today.

Four hundred twenty survivors of about 1,100 persons aboard were taken by the Japanese ship Karafuto Maru to Otaru, Hokkaido, where local officials arranged for their relief.

48 HOURS ALLOWED SPEE TO REPAIR

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today he was informed a stay of 48 hours had been allowed at Montevideo for the battle-scarred German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

The Uruguayan government, according to information received here, may permit an even longer stay for the vessel if the commander requests it on the ground repairs must be made, even though those repairs were necessitated by British hits on the German ship.

Reports reaching here indicated Uruguay did not intend to apply a distinction, made by the United States, between repairs of damage caused by gunfire and repairs resulting from other causes such as a storm.

Edwin C. Wilson, American minister to Uruguay, telephoned the State Department there were three separate engagements between the Admiral Graf Spee and the British vessels Achilles, Ajax and Exeter.

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The treaty was part of a three-side agreement between the two countries. Under the other pacts, Germany and Russia were put side by side in urging France and Great Britain to end their war against Germany and, should they refuse, in co-operating to restore peace, and also to develop their economic relations.

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Britain Increases Supplies to Aid Finns in Fight

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared today "the Finnish army has proved itself by far the better fighting force in anything but numbers."

In the course of his final statement on the progress of the war before Parliament's Christmas recess.

Enlarging on the Russian-Finnish conflict, the Prime Minister added:

"It is too soon to attempt any forecast of the outcome of this unequal struggle, but its political consequences already have been far reaching."

He asserted Russian aggression "had outraged the conscience of the whole world."

"Nevertheless," Mr. Chamberlain continued, "the German government have publicly ranged themselves on the side of an aggressor, whom they have even attempted to assist by a scurrilous and violent campaign against other Scandinavian countries for their moral support of the Finnish cause."

The House cheered Mr. Chamberlain's statement that "in addition to air supplies to Finland the government intended similarly to release other materials that will be of assistance to the Finnish government."

He added that generous help had been forthcoming from other countries, including the United States.

GOAL CLEAR
He said Germany had seized on the Finnish conflict to deflect attention from the primary object of the Allied war effort—the defeat of Nazi Germany.

"We have never lost sight of that objective," the Prime Minister declared, carefully spacing his words to give greater emphasis.

"We must never forget that it was German aggression which paved the way for the Soviet attack on Poland and Finland, and that Germany alone among nations is even now abetting by word and deed the Russian aggression."

He lauded the League of Nations' action in condemning Russia for the invasion of Finland, and told the House of Commons that "Germany alone among the nations even now is abetting by word and deed the Russian aggression."

"We must... help the latest victim of these destructive forces," the Prime Minister said, "but meanwhile it is only by concentrating on our task of resistance to German aggression and thus attacking the evil at its root that we can hope to save the nations of Europe from the fate which, otherwise must overtake them."

Mr. Chamberlain's review also touched on the visit of the King to British troops in France, flights of British planes over German naval bases and sinking of another German submarine.

THE WEATHER

VICTORIA, 14 a.m. today—Pressure remains high over the Rocky Mountains, while a deep depression approaches Queen Charlotte Islands from the west, causing strong winds with rain along the British Columbia coast. Some light rain and sleet is also reported in the interior, but temperature continues abnormally high as far east as Saskatchewan and the weather has been fair in the prairie provinces.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, max. 50, min. 44; wind, 21 miles S.E.; precip. 29; raining.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, max. 50, min. 41; wind, 21 miles S.E.; precip. 43; raining.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.11; temperature, max. 48, min. 40; wind, 27 miles S.E.; precip. 34; raining.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.17; temperature, max. 61, min. 41; wind, 2 miles S.E.; clear.

Location	Max.	Min.
Vancouver	50	41
Victoria	50	44
Seattle	50	41
Portland	50	41
San Francisco	61	41
Kamloops	50	41
Prince George	48	40
Kelowna	48	40
Penticton	48	40
Vernon	48	40
Nelson	48	40
Grand Forks	48	40
Kaslo	48	40
Calgary	48	40
Edmonton	48	40
Prince Albert	48	40
Winnipeg	48	40
Regina	48	40
Saskatoon	48	40
St. John	48	40
Halifax	48	40

Famed Imperial Soldier Passes

Col. Arthur Henry Morris, C.M.G., D.S.O., 78, who took part in many British campaigns in distant lands, and who had been living in retirement in Victoria for the last 12 years, died last night after a short illness at the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

He was a widely-known Imperial soldier of the old school and his death will be mourned in many parts of the British Empire.

He held many medals and clasps. Born at Sale, Isle of Wight, in 1861, the eldest son of the late Rev. Henry Morris, he was educated at Canterbury. In 1883 he joined the Royal Irish Regiment from the Yorkshire Artillery Militia. In 1891 he was promoted to the rank of captain.

Col. Morris was in the Sudan expedition of 1894-95, and from 1895 to 1897 he fought in the Burmese War. Later he was transport officer to the Karen Field Force and was mentioned in dispatches. He was chief transport officer to the Chin Lushai expedition, receiving a D.S.O., a clasp, was mentioned in dispatches and formally thanked by the government of India.

Twice in his early life he commanded expeditions against the tribes of the Northern Territories, served in West Africa and during operations in Ashanti commanded a column which forced its way into Kumasi from the north. He was severely wounded at that time. He commanded a garrison during the defence of Kumasi and later was in charge of the column which cut its way out of Kumasi.

In 1902 Col. Morris commanded an expedition against the Tiansis, later being chief commissioner of the northern territories of the Gold Coast. Then he became commandant of the Mounted Infantry School of India and later was in charge of the Duke of York's Royal Military College. He retired in 1913, but was called up in 1915 to become commandant of the internment camp for German prisoners at Amherst, Nova Scotia.

His love of the outdoors, of hunting, fishing and shooting, brought Col. Morris to Victoria, where he lived quietly at 2100 Brighton Avenue, Oak Bay.

He is survived by a widow, one son, John, at Nanaimo, two brothers and three sisters. The remains are reposing at the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home, from where the funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2.30. Rev. H. St. John Payne will officiate and interment will be in Royal Oak Burial Park.

Ottawa Discards 'Hush Hush'

By NORMAN MACLEOD
OTTAWA—The government has been at pains to emphasize that the new Bureau of Information is to be simply what its name implies, and not a propaganda agency.

This assurance is given to refute reports which might credit the bureau with any mission of propaganda in United States. The government feels the people of the United States are capable of making up their minds on the war issues, and that effort to influence them would be resented.

Need is seen for giving the Canadian people more information. Because of the "hush-hush" policy enforced while the censorship was allowed to run wild, the impression went abroad that a high state of apathy and inactivity existed in government departments.

Instruction now has gone out from the cabinet that the lid is to be taken off, and that the "hush-hush" policy is to be thrown into the discard—except in rare instances in which publication of details might be prejudicial to success or advantageous to the enemy. Outstanding in this category is information with respect to movement of Canadian troops when they leave Canada for overseas.

Vote B. J. Gadsden as alderman.

Bela Lanan—Court Reporter

The Strange Case of THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE IN SIX EPISODES No. 4

'Ringsiders' Describe Moves In Naval Battle

MONTEVIDEO (AP)—Ringside spectators of the British-German naval battle reached the safety of Montevideo today, still unable to believe they had escaped and some of them incoherent from their experience.

They were the passengers aboard the 9,975-ton French merchant ship Formose intended prize of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, who spent yesterday with lifebelts about their waists and eyes fixed on the lashing flames from the guns of the contending warships.

The passengers told of taut moments as their skipper, Captain Buron, manoeuvred his vessel behind a heavy smokescreen during yesterday's battle.

The merchantman was proceeding along the Brazilian coast off Rio Grande do Sul early yesterday, they said, when they suddenly sighted the German warship.

Captain Buron rang for full speed ahead as he headed for Uruguayan territorial waters and ordered crew and passengers into lifebelts. The Formose dragged along at 12 knots while the warship, her guns trained on the merchantman, ate up the distance between them at 22 knots.

It was a race against time, for British cruisers were known to be in the vicinity. The Ajax was the first to arrive and began a chase of her own, trying to get the German vessel within range of her guns.

The Ajax then signalled for the Achilles and Exeter, and laying a smokescreen between the Formose and the Admiral Graf Spee, made toward the shore in order to place her foe stark against the horizon.

The Achilles then raced to the theatre of operations, sped past the Ajax and also, taking up a position on the land side of the Nazi warship, opened fire.

Passengers said that then the Exeter steamed up and immediately bore the brunt of the Germans' desperate efforts to repulse the British thrusts.

The Admiral Graf Spee turned from the fight and took flight and the Formose, left behind in a smokescreen, lost sight of the running battle.

But as nightfall neared, the passengers again became eyewitnesses of the conflict as they drew within sight of the Uruguayan coast.

The German warship was sighted, running with two British cruisers in hot pursuit.

Intense firing continued for about an hour, passengers said, then subsided but was renewed for a solid hour. Then it ceased abruptly as the combatants found themselves well within Uruguayan territorial waters.

SEA BATTLE RAISES NEUTRALITY POINTS

WASHINGTON (AP)—German claims of the sinking of two merchant ships during the sea battle between the pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and the three British cruisers off Uruguay raised the question today whether western hemisphere shipping within the "neutrality belt" had been directly affected.

(A German army high command communique in Berlin claimed the pocket battleship was sinking two British merchantmen when the British cruisers came on her).

State Secretary Cordell Hull and Undersecretary Sumner Welles conferred at the State Department on the battle.

First reports brought the reaction in informed quarters here that a pitched battle between warships within the zone might not raise any issues with the American republics unless some interests of the republic were involved.

LONDON—Children evacuated from the capital are living on the fat of the land in some parts of England. In one village they are staying in hotel rooms regularly renting for one guinea (\$4.70) a day.

Vancouver Elects 3 Nonpartisans

VANCOUVER (CP)—A majority of Vancouver ratepayers think the clock should be left alone in the summer as voting in yesterday's "off year" election shows. At the same time, they ousted the C.C.F. alderman from the city council.

Voters turned thumbs down on a plebiscite to inaugurate daylight saving time 15,696 to 12,248, and chose four aldermen, four school trustees and three park board commissioners.

All but one of these successful candidates are members of the Non-Partisan Association, seven Co-operative Commonwealth Federation representatives and six Independents going down to defeat.

Elected to the council were: Alderman H. L. Corey, Charles Jones and W. D. Greyell, N.P.A., and George Buscombe, the one Independent. Alderman Helena Gutteridge, elected on a C.C.F. ticket, two years ago, and three party members were defeated in the council race.

Elected to the four vacancies on the school board were: R. A. G. Fellows and Trustees James Blackwood, Mrs. Ada Crump and F. J. Dawson, who were returned to office for another term.

Commissioner R. Rowe Holland, C. J. McNelly and E. H. Grubbe were chosen for the park board.

Although an "off year" election—four other aldermen and the mayor having been chosen for two-year terms last December—some 27,900 votes were cast.

Besides daylight saving, ratepayers turned down two other plebiscites.

A proposal to change the present method of ballot counting to that of proportional representation received only 9,574 votes for 17,221 against, while another that previous municipal experience be a prerequisite of all mayoral candidates was voted down 13,830 to 13,321.

A money-by-law to transfer unspent moneys of \$27,000 towards purchase of the privately-owned C. stal Pool was approved 12,334 to 7,544.

GERMANS' STORY OF SPEE'S FIGHT

BERLIN (AP)—The German high command asserted today the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was sinking the British merchantmen Tairao and Streonhall when she was encountered by three British cruisers in the south Atlantic yesterday.

Authorized sources at the same time denied the Graf Spee would be interned in Montevideo, where it went after being damaged in the sea battle.

These sources said the ship went to Montevideo merely to bury 36 dead seamen and to provide hospital treatment for wounded men and replenish victuals damaged by mustard gas.

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(The British Admiralty denied the navy was using gas.)

The German high command announced:

"The Admiral Graf Spee, one of the ships operating in Atlantic waters since the outbreak of the war, met and sank on the convoy route between La Plata and European waters the English merchantmen Tairao (7,983 tons) and Streonhall (3,895 tons).

"The Graf Spee encountered in this action the English heavy cruiser Exeter and the light cruisers Ajax and Achilles. During the engagement, the ship was able to damage severely the more numerous enemy craft."

"The Exeter had to withdraw from the fight after heavy hits. One of the light cruisers likewise was severely damaged."

"The battleship Graf Spee received some hits. For the moment the ship is in the harbor at Montevideo."

"The British Admiralty announces the loss of the destroyer Duquesne in home waters."

Germany Says Spee Was Successful

BERLIN (AP)—The Nazi news agency DNB today described yesterday's south Atlantic sea battle in which the pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was crippled by British cruisers with the loss of at least 30 men, as "a successful skirmish by a German warship with several English cruisers."

DNB said the German warship succeeded in breaking through the British blockade. The result of the battle was taken as proof, it said, that German naval power is superior even in distant waters.

The Civic Employees' Protective Association will hold the annual Christmas tree festivities in the K. of P. Hall, Broad Street, on Thursday, December 21. A varied program of entertainment

has been arranged for the children.

A meeting in the interest of the mission to lepers will be held on Friday afternoon at 3 in the Y.W.C.A.



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FACTORIES BUSY IN SOUTH WALES

CARDIFF, Wales (CP)—Smoke is pouring from countless stacks in the once-depressed areas of South Wales, but figuratively the sun shines because of the "golden era" produced by a wartime industrial boom.

Thousands of persons who once left the area because they had no jobs are now returning. Ernest Brown, Labor minister, took note of the situation in the House of Commons by declaring that "rather than there being a flight from that country, there is now a flight to it."

Since September, workers' wage envelopes have swelled to \$50,000 (\$225,000) a week. More money is being spent in the industrial valleys than at any time during the last 10 to 15 years.

It's going to be a great Christmas in the former valleys of desolation. Housewives are paying long-standing debts to grocers and butchers. Shopkeepers are sharing a bumper Christmas trade.

Day and night, blast furnaces roar, producing material for armaments. The Ebbw Vale Works, re-equipped at a cost of \$8,000,000 (\$35,600,000) are the most modern in the world and record outputs have been reported weekly.

The prosperity is widespread. Every Welsh-owned ship is in service and a big drop in unemployment in the ship-repairing industry has taken place. Coal owners are planning schemes to increase production and the tinplate trade, working only 30 per cent of capacity at the first of the year, is going at full speed.

Canada's 1939 Honey 27,911,500 Pounds

OTTAWA (CP)—Preliminary estimate of the 1939 Canadian honey crop is placed at 27,911,500 pounds by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Dominion and provincial departments of agriculture. The revised estimate for 1938 was 37,819,900 pounds.

The Ontario crop at 16,300,000 pounds represented 40 per cent of the total production.

In 1939 distribution of honey production by provinces with the revised estimates for 1938 in brackets: Ontario, 11,300,000 pounds (16,300,000); Manitoba, 5,500,000 (5,539,000); Quebec, 4,451,400 (5,108,200); Saskatchewan, 3,500,000 (2,794,200); Alberta, 2,000,000 (2,418,000); British Columbia, 1,004,900 (1,584,100).

Refugees to Dominica

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—New York's secretary of state has granted a charter to the Dominican Republic Settlement Association Inc., a nonprofit project which a sponsor said hopes to settle 100,000 refugees, Jewish and non-Jewish, in the Dominican Republic. George Warren, executive secretary of the president's advisory committee on political refugees, said the plan was made possible by the offer of government concessions and guarantees.

FOX-FUR PRICE DOWN

LONDON (CP)—Prices for silver fox skins in the auction opened by the Hudson's Bay Company Monday were averaging 7 1/2 per cent less than a year ago. Of 18,800 skins offered, 71 per cent were sold. Due to lessened demand for capes, full silvery skins declined 11 per cent to \$21.15. The average for the whole collection, including faded skins, was \$15.15.

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FLIER SURVIVES 140 M.P.H. CRASH

EDMONTON (CP)—An Edmonton-born flier in the Royal Air Force crashed to earth at 140 miles an hour "somewhere in England" and escaped alive and unhurt, although his plane was smashed to pieces, his parents here have learned.

The adventure befell Flying Officer Robert Clare Bisset, 26, only son of ex-Alderman Athelstan Bisset and Mrs. Bisset. Youthful veteran of several years' experience in gold mines at Goldfields, Sask., and Great Bear Lake, N.W.T., he paid his own passage to England in February, 1938, applied to the R.A.F., and was admitted a month later.

"Yesterday," the airman wrote in a letter just received by his parents, "I crashed my first aircraft and count myself lucky to be alive to tell the tale."

"The controls went haywire, and I hit the deck at about 140 m.p.h. The machine was a complete wreck. Everyone said: 'Jolly good show, old man! What, what!'"

PEERS REBUKED FOR PEACE TALK

LONDON (CP)—Viscount Halifax and Baron Balfour of Burleigh rebuked two fellow peers, Earl Darnley and Baron Arnold, who proposed in the House of Lords that Great Britain should agree to negotiate with Germany toward peace settlement.

The Foreign Secretary, who has a reputation for oral caution and understatement, called the speeches of Lord Darnley and Lord Arnold "unfortunate." He referred to "damage" being done to the "cause which is the cause of the nation today."

Lord Balfour suggested that nothing could be served by the debate "except to encourage the King's enemies and possibly mislead public opinion."

He said that Lord Darnley and Lord Arnold were avowed pacifists, but when a nation was fighting for life against unparalleled terrorism "pacifists, greatly as one respects their convictions, are a public danger."

Lord Darnley, holder of an ancient Scottish title, and Lord Arnold, a former Labor cabinet minister who resigned from the Labor party last year in disagreement with its foreign policy, both suggested Adolf Hitler was prepared to make concessions because he was anxious for peace.

They proposed Britain take advantage of the mediation offer of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and Leopold, King of the Belgians, "with a view to securing a freely negotiated peace."

"Hitler might be anxious for peace, but only on his own terms," Lord Halifax commented, adding: "I am not so sure he is anxious for peace on terms that would make for Europe."

Lord Halifax answered Lord Darnley's criticism, that the government had failed to make a sufficient effort to conciliate Germany, with a declaration that Germany had not "exhausted herself to conciliate us."

The Foreign Secretary said Britain always was ready to negotiate, but not on Hitler's terms.

Councillors Elected At Yellowknife

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (CP)—Two prominent mining men acted as councillors of the Yellowknife administrative district today following the first municipal election ever held in the Northwest Territories.

J. McIlven, superintendent of Negus Mines Limited, and George Carter, ground crew chief of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, were elected in voting at this mining centre 675 air miles north of Edmonton.

Two other members will be appointed by the federal government, and to complete the council J. Gibson, resident magistrate for the Northwest Territories, will act as chairman.

Food From Tanganyika

LONDON (CP)—Native tribes in Tanganyika, former German East Africa colony now under British mandate, offered a portion of this year's crops as a contribution to the Empire war effort, it is announced.

The British government has accepted the offer. Foodstuffs contributed will be used as army supplies. Coffee will be sold and the proceeds credited to the Tanganyika Red Cross fund.

Coal Aid Cut Protested

EDMONTON (CP)—Edmonton Chamber of Commerce council has sent a protest against a Dominion government reduction in the subvention on Alberta coal shipments to eastern Canada. Coal operators in Alberta claim the reduction, passed by order-in-council, is a serious blow to their position in eastern markets.

Regimentation Not for Canada, Says Bank Head

TORONTO (CP)—President C. H. Carlisle of the Dominion Bank, in his address at the annual meeting of the bank today, said the country's future depended on the conduct of affairs in Canada as much as on the country's relations with other nations.

"While fighting dictators, we must prove to all peoples that Canada at all times uses democratic principles in her own affairs," Mr. Carlisle said.

The president condemned regimentation and congratulated Canadian labor for its efficiency and its sound principles. He said that labor, management and the farmer, however, should all recognize that the consumer has the final decision.

Restrictions imposed on business by government should not be more than absolutely necessary, because they would be undemocratic and also because restrictions hamper the war effort by their adverse effects on production and trade.

Mr. Carlisle said he hoped government would encourage the

Canadian people by showing a willingness to eliminate waste and discover and enforce economies, including reduction of the numbers in the various governments.

Paderewski Joins Council

PARIS (AP)—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famed pianist and former Premier of Poland, has been named a member of a National Polish Council, according to the Polish Monitor, official organ of the Polish government in France. The new council is to assist in formulating decrees.

FAIRBANKS TO BE BURIED FRIDAY

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Private funeral services, with only relatives and a few close friends, will be held for Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

The rites will be held in the 150-seat Wee Kirk of the Heather in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Interment will be in a temporary crypt.

Fairbanks died Tuesday of a heart attack.

NEW YORK (AP)—Even if

she had the time, Mary Pickford said today, she would not attend the funeral of her former husband, Douglas Fairbanks, in California.

"I think it's barbaric to look at dead people," Miss Pickford declared shortly after she had arrived here for a conference with Alexander Korda, United Artists producer.

"The second the spirit leaves the body, the body is nothing but an empty shell, not the person you knew and cared for. I don't want anybody to look at me when I'm dead. Funerals are barbar-

ous, revolting affairs. I go to them as seldom as I possibly can."

Miss Pickford said she and Fairbanks had met as directors frequently at United Artists' meetings since their divorce and that she had seen him at a meeting last Thursday in Los Angeles. Then, she said, he looked "marvelous" and "youthful," and that was the picture of "Douglas that I want to carry in my mind forever."

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Worth Crowing About

ONE OF GERMANY'S THREE POCKET battleships, named after the admiral whose squadron met its fate off the Falkland Islands just a few days more than 25 years ago, has taken refuge in the Uruguayan harbor of Montevideo after a merciless battering by three smaller but faster ships of the Royal Navy. The Admiral Graf Spee, with her superior tonnage and gun power, first engaged the 10-year-old cruiser Exeter and afterward found herself confronted by the still smaller Ajax and Achilles. Four hours bearing the brunt of the 11-inch gunfire from the Graf Spee obliged the Exeter to drop out of the conflict, leaving her assistants to worry the enemy craft, whose speed was no match for the British units.

To all intents and purposes, therefore, one-third of Germany's largest and most modern surface fighting ships can be counted out for the duration of hostilities. Any attempt to escape from Montevideo after she has undergone very necessary and substantial repairs would be an invitation to prompt and complete destruction. For we may take it for granted that the Admiralty, having had sufficient experience with all types of Nazi technique and subterfuges, will provide for a constant vigil outside the territorial limits of Uruguayan waters until it is satisfied she will embark on no further raiding escapades in the southern shipping lanes.

It was only natural that a section of the British press waxed editorially indignant over the failure of the submarine commander to succumb to the temptation which the German luxury liner Bremen offered to his marksmen. Two or three of the widely-circulating London dailies let themselves go in wrathful comment and descended on the government like the proverbial ton of bricks. But they had not long to wait for the account of this episode in the southern Atlantic which far outweighs in importance any that could have been reasonably attached to the sinking of the great merchantman now safe in secluded waters, possibly Bremerhaven. Second thought no doubt will suggest to the bitterest newspaper critics that neutral nations still cherishing appropriate regard for moral values will not forget the permitted "escape" of the Bremen. Most nonbelligerent states, however, will quietly and unofficially chuckle over the "removal" of the Admiral Graf Spee from her specific job of sinking ships without warning.

Russia Expelled

SOVIET RUSSIA'S EXPULSION FROM the League of Nations was decided by the League's Council on a unanimous vote this afternoon. She was charged with and found guilty of invading the territory of another member state—Finland.

This action at Geneva, of course, was a foregone conclusion. All the circumstances of the Soviet's offence against Finland are well known to all the world; all the world has been shocked by the brutality of it. Nothing Russia can say or do now—short of withdrawing her forces from the scene of her actions and making appropriate amends—will change the ultimate verdict of history. Josef Stalin is the man responsible; he is responsible for the clumsy and vicious lies to which his controlled press has given expression. It is a personal matter with him, this invasion of the small Baltic state which has dared to stand up against his hordes. It has shown him and the world at large, too, what strength there is in a just cause. Yet with all the odds, save the moral odds, against her, gallant Finland will fight until all hope has been shattered.

What follows the action of the League of Nations Council likewise will not materially influence the conduct of the business to which the Allies have put their hands. It may mean more brutality from the Russo-German partnership. But the end must be the defeat of aggression.

The Main Objective

ONE STATEMENT FROM PRIME MINISTER Chamberlain in the House of Commons this afternoon should be noted specifically by British peoples everywhere. It is that Nazi Germany still is their chief enemy. She had unmistakably ranged herself on the side of the Russian aggressor—"whom they have even attempted to assist by an insolent and violent campaign against the other Scandinavian countries for their moral support to the Finnish cause." To drive home his point, moreover, Mr. Chamberlain said "we must never forget that it was German aggression which paved the way for the Soviet attack on Poland and Finland, and that Germany alone among the nations is even now abetting by word and deed the Russian aggressor." And with the following observation made by the Prime Minister all fairminded people will agree:

"Opportunity provided by this conflict has been eagerly seized by the propaganda machine and by many people acting consciously or unconsciously in its service to deflect attention from the primary object of the Allied war effort, which is to defeat Nazi Germany."

It was a cheering House, too, which heard the Prime Minister say that in addition to air supplies to Finland, the government intended similarly to release other materials that will be of assistance to the Finnish government. Mr. Chamberlain also pointed out

that generous help had been forthcoming from other countries, including, incidentally, the United States. In the light of the British government leader's exhortation and statement, therefore, German efforts to seize on the Russo-Finnish conflict to deflect attention from the primary Allied war effort cannot hope to make much impression on the nonbelligerent world—and certainly not on the peoples of the British and French empires. What repayment Russia can be expected to make to Germany for her "moral" support of the Soviet's Baltic campaign of aggression is a question which remains part of the enigma produced by the machinations that brought the exponents of supposedly conflicting ideologies into the same camp. Sooner or later the strength or weakness of the Berlin-Moscow partnership may be revealed to the public gaze.

For the time being, however, Mr. Chamberlain's dictum will have to be regarded seriously by the Allied peoples. It is all very well to assume a pious men, to point to the line of demarcation which divides the substantial remains of Social Democratic Germany—those who pinned their faith to the Constitution of Weimar—from that larger and obviously predominantly influential element which has embraced and evidently intends to retain the Hitlerian philosophy. Nor would it be fair to charge that considerable section of German thought which has nothing in common with that of the Hitler-Göering-Von Ribbentrop triumvirate with apathy toward the outcome of the present conflict. Holders of democratic beliefs within the Reich may criticize their government and prepare for a concentration camp or worse.

As the war proceeds—and it may go on for years—and no manifestation comes out of Germany that would lead the outside world to believe that internal dissension is rife there will be less inclination on the part of Allied peoples to differentiate between the two Germans. It is true, of course, that anything may happen at any time. What is said today may seem foolish comment to-morrow. In the meantime, however, it would seem to be the best policy to remember Mr. Chamberlain's words that Germany is our chief enemy. We can be quite sure that France is under no delusion on this point. But it is not too early to try to anticipate the peace—and prepare for it as best we can.

Stolid Teutons

OF COURSE THE WORLD EXPECTED to be told by the German propaganda factory that the Admiral Graf Spee merely put into Montevideo harbor to provide hospital treatment for wounded men and to replenish victuals damaged by mustard gas "which the British ships were using." It did not take Mr. Chamberlain long to tell the House of Commons and the British public this afternoon that no mustard gas shells had been used, that no gas shells or grenades have ever been made for or used by any ships of the Royal Navy.

What the Herr Doktor Goebbels had not been told by the German envoy at Montevideo was that one of the senior officers of the Admiral Graf Spee had discovered a button off his uniform, that neither cotton nor thread could be found in the wardrobe, and that there was nothing for it but to put into the Uruguayan port to repair the damage. Nor was the officer to know that the man who trained the Ajax's six-inch gun on that particular button actually did it for a joke. But we fear the Teutonic mind is incapable of a sense of humor.

No more football in Germany. It will be permissible hereafter to get injured only in battle.

Princeton students voted for Hitler as the greatest man in the world today, excepting not even Father Divine.

News of these times recalls the recent story of the tourist in Berlin who asked a Nazi official how far it was to Roumania. "Oh," mused the Nazi, "about two incidents."

Alaska Begins to Worry

From Juneau Daily Alaska Empire
Just across Bering Strait lies a nation which has gone mad with the spirit of conquest. Today the force of Russia's drive is being directed toward the west. Tomorrow it might be headed in this direction.

Almost unnoticed among the recent blasts of vilification from Moscow was a series of articles in Pravda on the subject of Alaska. They explained how a corrupt Russian imperial government had sold Russia's Alaskan birthright, without asking the Russian people's leave, for a few paltry millions of American gold. It also mentioned that the shortest distance between Russia and Alaska is only 50 miles.

If anyone could plumb the depths of the dark Oriental mind of Joseph Stalin he might find there some scheme for a Soviet drive to the east matching the one Hitler was talking about only a year or so ago. Most military experts would agree that a Russian attack on the United States would be the acme of foolishness, but it would make things awfully unpleasant in Alaska for a while.

Russia's moves today on the other side of the world are another argument for the strengthening of Alaska's defenses, a work which has been taken up enthusiastically by the federal government and which must be carried on.

We in Alaska have always thought we were pretty well insulated from the shocks of world conflict.

But with such a spirit abroad in the world no land and no life is safe. Alaska needs to be strong to live in these times.

Parallel Thoughts

And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.—Leviticus 25:35.

Few who save the poor feel for the poor.—L. E. Landon.

Loose Ends

By BRUCE HUTCHISON

AGING

THEY SHOULD REMOVE Miss Garbo from the screen. Not because she fails to amuse and excite, for she is still among the first half dozen figures of our time, but because she is getting old. I don't know how old she is, having got behind in my reading of fan magazines lately, but she is beginning to show it anyway. In her last picture the wrinkles were pretty formidable in the close-ups, and it would be better to end it all before they get any deeper.

The trouble is not that Miss Garbo will fail to amuse and excite in her next picture. The trouble is that she makes everybody else feel old by contrast, and this is a serious thing at a grim time like this. If you had never seen Miss Garbo before it would be all right. You would say she was a delightful and rather thrilling actress of mature and interesting age. But when you have seen her for 15 years or so, and after an absence you note that she has certainly aged, you suddenly realize that if she has aged you must have aged still more.

And you look back to the time when she was kissing Mr. Roland passionately in the silent pictures and you realize that instead of yesterday it was in the days of your lost youth. You realize that both you and Miss Garbo are getting old.

It doesn't seem to hurt her. She kisses as passionately as ever and with a new maturity, but it hurts everybody else who has got beyond kissing altogether, who has got fat and middle-aged while Miss Garbo has been husbanding her beauty.

The net effect on America, the collective effect multiplied by all the moviegoers of the continent, is bound to be serious. No, in the interests of North American morale, they had better take Greta off the screen and let us look at the young ones and imagine we aren't so old either.

THE TWENTIES

THE DEATH OF Mr. Fairbanks is another reminder of mortality. That he had reached his 57th year is hard for any middle-aged person to believe. It seemed only yesterday that he was leaping over fences, swirling the velvet cloak and pointing a rapier. But more than a movie actor has died. The whole age of which he was one of the most distinguished representatives has died also. The age of the crazy Twenties, which ended in October, 1929.

Anything was credible then. The Bull Market was credible. Herbert Hoover's "two-car nation" and "two chickens in every pot" was credible. Coolidge was credible, if you didn't think twice. Douglas Fairbanks, rushing through the world, as he said, on a cup of coffee, was credible.

But it all died with the Depression. It was seen then to have been quite incredible and the kind of man that Fairbanks was didn't belong to the years that followed. He lingered on, a myth of our boyhood, of a better time. We look back and realize the passage and the collapse of all the mad, splendid dreams of the postwar world as we face another war; we lose our childhood and our illusions and we know that while there is a Douglas Fairbanks Junior there will never be another Douglas Fairbanks epoch, for it only existed on paper, on the broker's ledgers in Wall Street, and on the celluloid of Hollywood. Funny, it seemed quite real at the time.

MOUTH TO MOUTH

EVERY NOW AND then it is borne in on you, as you churn out copy hurriedly to catch the press, that you have a responsibility to those who read it. This is a grim thought, which I seldom entertain, and instantly thrust from me.

But it keeps bobbing up. People read what you say and very often, if you are not careful, they entirely misunderstand it and sometimes, in a fit of depression, they hurt themselves off the Breakwater, though not often.

The other day, for example, a lady stopped me to ask, more in sorrow than in anger, but with a Breakwater look, why I had so viciously attacked English literature. As I had never mentioned the subject, I couldn't explain, but if she hadn't met me and heard my denial she would have gone through life under this painful impression, if she hadn't gone out on the Breakwater.

Another lady wrote me today asking why I always defended the government of Russia and a charming lady stopped me on the street this week and, looking about to see that we were not observed, confessed, that like me, she was really a revolutionary.

You never know what people will take from what you say. A few days ago some journalist in the east, anxious to find a few words to go under a picture of Mr. Bennett arriving from Britain, said it was suspected he might have a message of great importance from the British government concerning the war.

Three ladies tackled me at a meeting the other afternoon and said they had been waiting eagerly, practically lying awake all night, waiting to hear Mr. Bennett's great news which was sure to mean the end of the war. They hadn't read it in the papers but somebody had told them about it until the story has grown into a nationwide legend, and if Mr. Bennett has no message he will have to make another farewell tour, stopping at every country station, to explain himself.

It's not what people read, for generally that is pretty accurate, but the way people read it and, worse, they way they repeat it. By the time it has gone through three minds and three mouths it is almost always the very opposite of its original intent.

Scarcity makes value. People are much quicker to do battle for their religion if they have very little of it.

ONLY WAY OUT

From Vancouver Sun

Premier Pattullo and Dr. Weir say the Cassidy reports are not sound, are full of inaccuracies. This is a curious reflection on their appointment of Dr. Cassidy in the first place, their complete reliance on him for some years, and their willingness to let him present an important part of British Columbia's case to the Rowell Commission.

The only way to settle the question raised by this controversy is to publish Dr. Cassidy's reports. The government need merely authorize Dr. Cassidy to make them public and then they can be threshed out in the Legislature. There may be no value in them—though this is hard to believe, considering Dr. Cassidy's record and Dr. Weir's long reliance on him—or there may be useful material. In any case, the Legislature and the public are entitled to see them and judge for themselves.

If the report is unsound, no one is more able to demolish it than Dr. Weir. Now that the whole matter has been raised in a rather unfortunate fashion, with evident bitterness on both sides and the breaking of old friendships, there will always be unnecessary doubt and suspicion unless the reports are revealed. And there is no department of government which more vitally concerns the ordinary British Columbian family than that administering health and welfare services.

TORTURING THE JEWS

From New Republic

The German Jews continue to be driven along the road to tragedy. A Berlin dispatch to the New York Times gives what is apparently official information on the forced migration into a huge concentration camp in what was formerly Poland. The Jews in Teschen are to be moved within the next few weeks. The order calls for the sending of all males between 17 and 70 and all women between 17 and 55. Most, though not all, are taking their children. Each is allowed one suitcase and approximately \$120. It is said that 150,000 persons will be moved from Bohemia-Moravia. From Vienna the Jews are being expelled at the rate of 2,000 a week. When they get to their new homes, a few miles south-west of Lublin, there are no facilities ready for them. They must improvise shelters in the bitter cold, or make over the ruins of destroyed Polish houses. The amount of human suffering involved is beyond the compass of the imagination. It is something astronomical and meaningless, like the concept of a trillion dollars. The war has nearly closed the last door of hope, migration. There are still 250,000 Jews in Germany—and they are managing to get out at the rate of about 200 a week.

GLAMOUR GIRL

Young Woman's Letter in Chicago News

If I could only see the face the glamour girl wears when she is alone. The smiling mask would be gone. The strain of always having to be "the best" is telling on her—physically and mentally. Sooner or later someone younger, with more vitality, will take her place. It's too late for her to think of the husband and children she might have had.

But gaze into a happy housewife's eyes—a mother's eyes. Maybe her face isn't the most beautiful you've ever seen, maybe her clothes are a little worn at the seams. But in her eyes there is peace. She knows she is wanted and needed. She doesn't always have to be on guard. She doesn't have to be straining to appear something she doesn't feel. She doesn't have to be a superwoman. Me, I'll be a housewife!

A WAGON OR BICYCLE

To the Editor:—I would like to appeal to any of your readers who have a child's wagon or bicycle they would care to donate to a little child in very needy circumstances, who has a birthday on December 20, and has never had a toy like most children his age. The child's age is seven years, and anyone kind enough to give him one of the above mentioned articles would surely make him a happy little fellow at Christmas.

I will see to it personally that he receives it if you drop a card to

MRS. C. THOMPSON
c/o Victoria Times.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

To the Editor:—Mr. Hutchison of Loose Ends fame says it's a dangerous precedent, the government giving the unemployed a little extra for Christmas cheer. I would like to say that if Mr. Hutchison was getting \$1.68 worth of groceries a week, the same as the unemployed get, I'm sure he would appreciate the extra \$1.20 for Christmas cheer as much as the unemployed do, and not begrudge it. Thanks Mr. Hutchison is not running the government.

R. MARTIN.
1937 Blanshard St.

COAL FACTS

by Kirk

It's not what you pay per ton, per gallon or per unit for fuel—it's how much actual heat you get for each fuel dollar that counts. Whether or not you know anything about British Thermal Units we can show you conclusively that Kirk Coal means real fuel economy. Lots of people wish they had talked to Kirk before they were talked into something else.

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ESQUIMAULT AS HEADQUARTERS FOR BEER

To the Editor:—It is submitted that Esquimalt property owners have a claim against provincial earnings from beer parlors in Esquimalt for:

1. Depreciation in value of real property due to location of beer parlors, bringing the municipality into bad repute.
2. Lack of taxation from Dominion holdings.
3. Wear and tear of roads.
4. Lack of proper policing.
5. Danger to pedestrians from drunken motorists.
6. Gross violation of speed limit and use of dazzling headlights.
7. The panacea proposed by the council, viz., that more licenses shall not be issued is not sufficiently compensatory. It merely gives present beer parlor owners a monopoly, with no restriction from enlarging premises, similar to the one in progress now at the Gorge. Then again the question arises as to whether the council has any jurisdiction in the matter. It would appear as if the province has control, making our position all the more humiliating.
8. Provincial government net profits from liquor sales in Esquimalt are more than all the taxes collected.
9. An equal division of net profits would reduce our taxes one-half.

JOHN DEAN.
"Seascope," 572 Head Street.

OUR SOLDIERS' WELFARE SHOULD NOT DEPEND ON CHARITY

To the Editor:—Now that we are in the thick of a civic election it may be pertinent to ask whether something cannot be done to curtail the number of tag days held yearly in the city. There are so many that the more urgent are likely to suffer from the less important. It seems to me that it would be better if these days were confined to cases of urgent human need, such as public hospitals, Red Cross work, orphanages, children's homes, etc. I know that in a time of war it will be difficult to reduce these days, yet it seems reasonable that the needs of our soldiers and sailors should be looked after by the government from taxation equitably adjusted on everyone, rather than having to depend upon the haphazard collections of worthy and self-sacrificing citizens, mostly ladies, who stand for hours at street corners in rain and cold. If people were asked to give less often they would probably be inclined to give more for cases of real appeal.

JAMES MORTON.
710 Rupert Street.

BIBLE AS FORTUNE TELLERS' TEXT BOOK

To the Editor:—A reverend gentleman writes, claiming "it is amazing and appalling to see intelligent people listening to men telling of Bible prophecy, which turns the Bible into a fortune-tellers' book, or a jigsaw puzzle," and claims it is a sad commentary on the mental and spiritual qualifications of our people.

It is, indeed, amazing to hear such talk from the representatives of the church, just when there is a glorious exaltation about to be bestowed upon it for its long silence and suffering, just when a great restoration of Christian peoples in high at hand. Doubtful men utter such remarks, when God is working in a strange way. Mental disturbances, we know too well, are caused through worry and anxiety, and fear of not getting the needs of life.

STANLEY WESTERN
2860 Gorge View Drive.

MORE MILK FOR SAILORS

To the Editor:—I see that sailors from the freighter Vermont now in Tacoma have gone on strike for more milk. It is a crime that these boys only get a pint of milk a day. While they are at it they should demand bigger and better bottles and tougher nipples. Also the company should be forced to supply toy trains and so forth.

ARTHUR THOMPSON.
Lake Hill.

SPENCER FOODS

FRIDAY VALUES—CASH AND CARRY

Kraft Cheese Loaf lb. 26c	Brick Cheese Ladysmith lb. 23c	Ontario Cheese 2 years old lb. lots 29c
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THEO CURRIE-ARNOLD.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I don't want to."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "pergola"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Rudolph, Phillip, Benjamin.
4. What does the word "euthenics" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with te that means "persistence"?

Answers
1. End the infinitive by saying, "I don't want to go," or, "I don't want to see him." 2. Pronounce

per-goh-la, u as in fur, o as in obey, a as in ask unstressed, and accent first syllable, not the second. 3. Phillip. 4. The science having to do with the betterment of living conditions to secure more efficient human beings. 5. Tenacity.

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Tells of Aid on Works Projects

Tribute to the work of Hon. N. W. Whittaker, M.P.P. for Saanich, in lending considerable assistance on various works projects in the municipality during the year, was paid by Councillor George Austin, Ward Four, in his address at the annual election meeting in Mari-gold Hall last night.

The Saanich campaign neared its close with meetings in Ward Four and Ward Two last night, the latter being held in St. Mark's Hall where Councillor E. C. Warren tendered his report for the year. Both he and Councillor Austin were returned by acclamation.

Councillor Austin mentioned specifically Mr. Whittaker's assistance on the Douglas-Glanford-Carey highway which, he said, would be taken over by the government as a secondary highway next year. Mr. Whittaker, he said, also assisted in the elimination of a dangerous corner at Burnside Road and Holland Avenue and had supported municipal efforts to have Rithet's Hill improved and various improvements made on the East and West Saanich roads. As chairman of the works committee, Mr. Austin said he had supported the Bowker Creek drainage project on which Saanich had spent \$5,000 in two years because he realized the time was not far distant when similar work would be needed in Colquitz Creek in his own ward.

Councillor Warren gave a complete review of the year's work. The total expenditure in the ward for the first 10 months was \$5,539.25, which was slightly in excess of the year's appropriation. Mr. Warren, as chairman of the water committee, also dealt with efforts which would be continued to establish a municipal water supply and submitted an accounting of public money handled by the council during the year.

Reeve A. G. Lambick, also returned unopposed, presented a resume of council work.

G. Stanley Eden, seeking re-election to the police commission, referred to the reorganization of the police department and its successful operation since this had been accomplished. He sought return on his record of the last year which had been aimed at honest and straightforward administration.

The final meeting of the campaign will be held tonight in Ward Seven at Hampton Road Hall where Eric Wilkinson is opposing the re-election of Leslie H. Passmore, present incumbent.

Islanders Officers Of Jersey Group

VANCOUVER (CP)—The British Columbia Jersey Breeders' Association will hold parish shows at Saanich and Chilliwack next year, it was announced following the association's annual meeting here.

The association will also hold annual outings at Ladner, Lulu Island and Sea Island farms.

H. E. Burbridge of Royal Oak was named honorary president and W. S. Braidwood, Victoria, is auditor.

Directors include Tan Douglas, Saanichton; E. C. Hawkins, Crofton; and A. W. Aylard, Sidney. J. S. Braidwood, Victoria, is auditor. Suggestions endorsed included Director Hugh Savage's proposal to unite the Jersey calf clubs of Lulu and Sea Islands and Ladner, Director J. J. Grauer's note that active supervisors must be secured in the organization of calf clubs, and H. E. Burbridge's suggestion that the advisability of consignment auction sales be reviewed at the next directors' meeting.

Director A. W. Aylard of Saanichton reported an exceptionally good parish show there this year, and also enthusiasm in the district for R.O.P. work, in which some excellent records were made locally.

strong recommendation of the work of Oliver Evans, western field man for the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, forwarded from Chilliwack club, was unanimously endorsed. Mr. Evans gave a brief report of his work, which took him over 20,000 miles, mostly in British Columbia and Alberta this year.

B.C. POSTMASTERS HONOR INSPECTOR

The British Columbia Branch, Canadian Postmasters' Association, honored E. M. Haynes, retired post office inspector for Vancouver Island and the British Columbia coast to Alaska, at a presentation party Tuesday evening at his home, 117 King George Terrace.

Mr. Haynes retired from the

WILL LECTURE ACROSS CANADA

Captain Elmore Philpott, lecturer and journalist, will open a speaking tour across Canada on January 4 under the auspices of the national council of the Canadian Club.

In the course of the following three or four months he will deliver 46 addresses to member clubs on various aspects of this



CAPTAIN ELMORE PHILPOTT

war and the next peace, reaching his farthest east destination, Halifax, about the beginning of March.

A man of wide repute as a speaker, Captain Philpott has previously spoken in the western provinces for the Canadian Club but is extending his field on his forthcoming trip to take in the major eastern centres.

On his return to Victoria he will address meetings on the conditions and reactions of Canada to the war, using the impressions he gains on the tour as the basis for his talks.

While on tour he will continue to contribute stories of topical interest to the Times.

Nanaimo Alderman Ends 10-Year Service

NANAIMO.—General regret was expressed by the city council when Alderman Sam Drake, who had served for 10 years, made his farewell speech last night.

City Medical Health Officer Drysdale, who has advocated for 30 years the need for an isolation hospital, read a letter from the Department of National Defence, which inquired whether facilities Nanaimo Hospital had to take care of infectious diseases among troops that might be stationed in Nanaimo. The doctor's reply was "none," nor would they be admitted to Nanaimo Hospital.

Mayor Harrison and the board praised Dr. Drysdale's efforts on behalf of an isolation hospital, but concurred with Alderman Drake that the situation, when it was first mooted, and the present, differed. The necessary \$50,000 initial outlay for such an institution was too great at the present time, they thought.

200 Nanaimo Miners Lose Jobs This Week

VANCOUVER (CP)—W. S. Atkinson, representative for District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America, said yesterday Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited will close down their reserve mine at Nanaimo at the end of this week.

Atkinson said he, with a delegation from the union's Nanaimo local, conferred with H. R. Plommer, general manager of the coal company, and Hon. G. S. Pearson, British Columbia's labor minister, here yesterday, but that attempts to have operations at the mine continued for two weeks failed.

"The situation is pretty serious," Atkinson said. "Closing of the mine will put 200 men out of employment and these, with others already unemployed, will leave nearly half of Nanaimo's miners out of work."

service recently after holding the position of inspector since 1913. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of an engraved silver tea set to Mr. Haynes by F. V. Hobbs, postmaster, Cadboro Bay, on behalf of the B.C. Association. Mrs. Haynes was presented a bouquet of roses by Mrs. F. J. Crosby, postmistress of the Tillicum sub-office.

George H. Gardiner, Victoria postmaster, represented the office of the district director of postal services at Vancouver, in presenting Mr. Haynes with a testimonial from Hon. C. G. Power, M.P., former Postmaster-General, in recognition of his 48 years of service. Mr. Haynes entered the service as a clerk in the local Post Office in 1891.

Captain Nathaniel Gray, postmaster, Saanichton, gave a brief address on Mr. Haynes' service before the serving of refreshments by Mrs. J. B. Sinclair and Mrs. Ida Abbott.

Vote E. J. Gadsden as alderman.

"While fighting dictatorships we must prove to all peoples that Canada at all times uses democratic principles in her own affairs."

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69th Annual Meeting of Shareholders THE DOMINION BANK

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Address by MR. C. H. CARLISLE President

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The sixty-ninth Annual Meeting of The Dominion Bank was held in Toronto on Wednesday, the 13th of December, when the President and the General Manager addressed the shareholders. The President, Mr. C. H. Carlisle, was in the chair.

Address by MR. ROBERT RAE, General Manager

At the last Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, an subsequent meeting of the Directors, the close of the Bank's fiscal year was changed from December 31st to the end of October in each year, and as a result, the Statement presented to you today covers ten months instead of twelve.

As you have just heard, the profits for the period under review were \$602,296.86, compared with \$460,121.31 for the previous twelve months. After paying the dividends—at the rate of 10% per annum—contributing \$62,500 to the Officers' Pension Fund, providing \$264,335.94 for Dominion and Provincial Government taxation, and writing \$125,000 off Bank Premises, the balance remaining as credit of Profit and Loss Account was increased by \$31,463.47 and now stands at \$337,400.71.

Dealing with the principal items of the Balance Sheet, a copy of which is in your hands: Notes in Circulation: Notes of the Bank in Circulation were \$3,322,171, an increase of \$41,682.

DEPOSITS AGAIN INCREASE Deposits: Deposits by the Public not bearing interest, \$37,978,683, showed interest, \$55,235,930, or a total of \$123,314,613, compared with \$120,703,163, on December 31st, 1938, an increase of \$2,611,450. Dominion and Provincial Government Deposits total \$13,587,385, an increase of \$11,954,311 over those of a year ago. This is chiefly due to the special Government financing arranged in October last, the relative funds not having been withdrawn.

Letters of Credit: Acceptances and Letters of Credit Outstanding were \$2,856,128, approximately the same as a year ago.

LIQUID POSITION STRONG Cash Assets: The Cash assets of the Bank totalled \$27,496,535, and were equivalent to 18.86% of the public liabilities. Readily realizable assets, which include Government, Municipal and other Bonds, as well as Call and Short Loans, amounted to \$24,172,925, or 64.5% of the liabilities to the public and indicate a very high ratio of liquidity.

Securities: The Bank's total investments in securities amounted to \$60,649,317, compared with \$55,424,072, at the end of last year, and consist principally of Dominion and Provincial Government issues, about \$19,000,000, of which will mature within two years. Our portfolio has been very carefully selected and the securities are entered on the Statement at prices below those prevailing on the 31st of October last.

Call and Short Loans: Call and Short Loans in Canada totalled \$3,560,429, a decrease of \$1,224,076. These are loans against readily marketable stocks and bonds, for which financing the demand has not been so active.

Call and Short Loans Elsewhere than in Canada totalled \$2,208,247, and show an unimportant decrease of \$90,786. These are day-to-day loans at our New York Agency and London, England, Branch, against first-class securities, with ample margin.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL LOANS Commercial and Municipal Loans: It is gratifying to report a substantial increase in the total of Current Loans and Discounts in Canada, now \$58,598,413, up from \$11,276,618 from December 31st last. This is a very satisfactory feature of the Statement and is due to the greater amount of money required to finance the grain crop and also to an increase in the demand for general commercial loans.

Loans to Cities, Municipalities, etc., \$1,635,966, show a small decrease from those of a year ago. Non-current Loans, \$191,751, are down \$70,042, during the period under review. As has been our policy in the past, all probable losses have been fully provided for.

Bank Premises: Bank Premises Account stands at \$5,569,000. No new buildings were erected during the year, nor was any land purchased. Alterations were made, however, to several of our offices, including that at Guelph. The main office in Toronto was modernized and now presents a more attractive appearance.

Branches: During the year we opened a new Branch at Port Huron, Ont., and closed our office at Larder Lake, Ont.

WAR REPORTS Staff: With regard to our Staff—which now numbers 1,280—it is a great pleasure to again acknowledge their loyalty and efficiency, which is amply evidenced in the Statement presented today. Already 20 members of the Staff have been granted indefinite leave of absence for military service. Our best wishes go with them and we hope it will soon be possible for them to return to their positions in the Bank.

In conclusion, I wish to say that The Dominion Bank is in a sound position, and fully prepared to take its place in financing the business and war efforts of this country.

Heretofore the Bank's fiscal year closed as of December 31st. This date has been changed to October 31st. Therefore, the present statement is for a period of ten months. It is difficult to make an accurate comparison with a similar period of a year ago, but comparison may be made with the last annual statement which should give you adequate information of the Bank's operations for the period just reviewed by your General Manager.

GREATEST PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS

When submitting last year's statement, I called your attention to the progress your Bank had made compared with the preceding year. The statement under review shows that even greater progress has been made than in any similar period in recent years. The Bank's position is financially sound. It has increased its activities in practically all of its operations. It has secured many new accounts, some of which are quite large. Credit losses have been unusually low—all of which reflects a higher efficiency in the Bank's personnel.

The general conditions in Canada, and Canada's relation to other countries, are large factors in determining the operations of your Bank.

WAR THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Finding ourselves at war changes the ordinary tenor of our way. Our youths are being trained for war and will be sent overseas. Their absence, temporarily or permanently, is a great loss. We must provide equipment, munitions, transportation and training—all of these require large sums of money, further augmenting an already large national debt. The burden is and will continue to be onerous, not only for our Government but for all citizens. The Canadian people will, we may be sure, bear this burden without complaint. It is the price we pay so that we may continue to be free people and live in a free country. When we compare our freedom and our standards of living with those who are enslaved by dictatorships such as prevail in Germany and Russia, the price will not be considered unreasonable.

CANADA'S RESOURCES

We have cause to be shocked when we realize the magnitude of our present debt and visualize the amount of the debt at the close of this war. Some may lose courage thinking all is lost. There is no doubt that our lot, and that of those for the next two or three generations, will be very difficult. However, Canada will still be great and will continue to be a free country for free people. Canada today, with her varied and abundant crops, her large meat supplies, her forests and her mines, her huge area of productive lands, her transportation facilities—both lake and rail—her public service and educational institutions, the high intellectual and moral quality of her people, is in possession of advantages which give us courage to carry on and to visualize a brighter future.

We have another asset which we must not overlook or fail to appraise—that is Canadian labor. Canadian labor is to be congratulated for the soundness of its principles, its efficiency in production, in the part it has played and is playing in the upbuilding of our country. A better understanding may be had when we make comparisons with other countries where strikes are called without just cause, where plants are forced into idleness, throwing thousands of people out of employment, causing losses of millions of dollars to both employer and employee, where property rights are violated and men are deprived of the right to work.

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

Regimentation by government, or otherwise, has been tried and has failed and will continue to fail wherever attempted. It is a means of undermining democratic governments and democratic principles. If permitted, it will enslave industry and labor as it has enslaved them in Germany and Russia.

A happy condition can only exist, and public confidence can only be secured, when the business executive, the laborer and the farmer continually and unitedly strive to improve products, to lower costs, to price products so that the consumer may enjoy and have the things which are his right. Both labor and management should constantly keep in mind that the consumer determines the number of people employed.

WAR AND POST-WAR CONDITIONS

There is another matter which should be kept carefully and continuously in mind through these months, and perhaps years, of war. During war, unusual activity prevails; prices usually advance; the volume of business increases; employment conditions improve, and along with all this, profits are likely to be better. What has to be kept in mind, however, is the certainty that at some time—and we hope soon—the war will end. When that time comes demand for money will diminish; prices will fall to lower levels; inventories will swiftly go down in value, and heavy losses will be absolutely inevitable. Managements will have to have regard to the certainty of this result in the disposition of such profits as may be available during the period of rising activity and earnings, to study well every transaction, and to plan well the things to be done in the interim. We were not prepared for war when war came. This was unfortunate. It would be very unfortunate if we were not prepared for post-war conditions when they come.

In these days, when Governments find it necessary to apply restrictions and are drawing on every resource, when ownership of property is being controlled almost to the point of challenging the existence of individual ownership and therefore, in effect, the existence of democracy, it is imperative measure a necessity that waste of every kind be eliminated, and economies discovered and enforced.

EXCESSIVE COST OF GOVERNMENT

Our Constitution, it appears, is to be amended. If so, provision should be made for fewer Members of the House of Commons, fewer Members of the Senate and fewer Members of our Legislatures. Municipal Governments also should be diminished in numbers and personnel. Small committees and small Legislatures are much more efficient than large and expensive organizations. Overlapping and

duplication between the Dominion Government and Provincial Governments simply must be eliminated, if Canada is to remain solvent and remain free. Upon these things the workers of our country and the taxpayers of our country have a right to insist, and their insistence must now rise to the stature of a demand.

If our Governmental authorities give evidence of a willingness to meet imperative necessities along the lines indicated herein and along other lines, the people of this country will throw themselves with ever greater courage and enthusiasm into the immense task which lies ahead.

EXTENDED PRODUCTION AND TRADE TO MEET WAR COSTS

Our first duty is the speedy and efficient prosecution of the war. No doubt many restrictions are necessary, and business must adjust itself to these

restrictions. It is important that they be as few as possible and bear as lightly as possible, because the extension of production and the extension of trade are hampered by restrictions, and it is only on the extension of production and the extension of trade that we can hope to provide for our tremendous financial burdens and maintain our standard of living. The success of our future will depend much on how we conduct the present, and while fighting dictatorships we must prove to all peoples that Canada at all times uses democratic principles in her own affairs. By now giving heed to our post-war problems, we should be in a position to attract capital and a high grade of immigration that will carry on successfully the development and expansion which our country requires.

This is no time to be super-critical, but this is a time to be super-industrious and super-efficient. I move the adoption of the Report.

THE DOMINION BANK

Sixty-ninth Annual Statement

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st December, 1938.....	\$ 805,937 34
The Profits for the ten months ended 31st October, 1939, after making appropriations to contingency accounts, out of which accounts full provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made, and after deducting Dominion and Provincial Government Taxes of \$264,335.94, amounted to.....	862,296 86
Dividends for ten months at ten per cent. per annum.....	\$ 583,333 33
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund.....	62,500 00
Written off Bank Premises.....	125,000 00
	770,833 33
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward.....	\$ 837,400 71

GENERAL STATEMENT

31st October, 1939

LIABILITIES

Capital paid up.....	\$ 7,000,000 00
Reserve Fund.....	837,400 71
Balance of profits as per Profit and Loss Account.....	175,000 00
Dividend No. 228, payable 1st November, 1939.....	1,062 90
Former Dividends unclaimed.....	8,013,463 61
Total Liabilities to the Shareholders.....	\$ 15,013,463 61
Notes of the Bank in circulation.....	5,322,171 50
Deposits by and balances due to Dominion Government.....	10,653,340 34
Deposits by and balances due to Provincial Governments.....	2,934,043 13
Deposits by the public not bearing interest.....	37,978,683 71
Deposits by the public bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement.....	85,335,930 11
Deposits by and balances due to other Chartered Banks.....	136,901,997 29
Deposits by and balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and foreign countries.....	2,404,541 35
Liabilities to the public not included under the foregoing heads.....	634,559 53
Acceptances and Letters of Credit outstanding.....	506,244 17
	145,769,513 84
	2,856,128 37
	\$13,639,105 82

ASSETS

Gold held in Canada.....	\$ 699 87
Subsidiary coin held in Canada.....	211,395 64
Subsidiary coin held elsewhere.....	398 12
Notes of Bank of Canada.....	\$ 2,843,114 00
Deposits with Bank of Canada.....	13,388,790 90
Notes of other Chartered Banks.....	16,231,904 98
Government and Bank notes other than Canadian.....	431,020 00
Cheques on other Banks.....	6,755,205 91
Due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	3,725,614 64
	\$ 27,496,535 47
Dominion and Provincial Government direct and guaranteed Securities, maturing within two years, not exceeding market value.....	19,203,874 54
Other Dominion and Provincial Government direct and guaranteed Securities, not exceeding market value.....	35,045,733 24
Canadian Municipal Securities, not exceeding market value.....	3,630,046 24
Other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value.....	2,767,662 15
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada on Stocks, Debentures, Bonds and other Securities, of a sufficient marketable value to cover.....	3,360,429 92
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada on Stocks, Debentures, Bonds and other Securities, of a sufficient marketable value to cover.....	2,398,947 89
Deposits with the Ministry of Finance for the security of note circulation.....	713,695 00
	\$ 94,177,925 44
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada, not otherwise included, estimated loss provided for.....	\$ 58,396,413 37
Loans to Cities, Towns, Municipalities and School Districts.....	1,635,966 11
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada, not otherwise included, estimated loss provided for.....	493,407 23
Non-current Loans, estimated loss provided for.....	191,751 22
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off.....	\$ 5,569,000 00
Real Estate other than Bank Premises.....	67,307 57
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank.....	54,159 26
Other Assets not included under the foregoing heads.....	197,847 25
	66,605,052 01
Liabilities of Customers under Acceptances and Letters of Credit, as per contra.....	2,856,128 37
	\$13,639,105 82

C. H. CARLISLE, President

ROBERT RAE, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

We Report to the Shareholders of The Dominion Bank:— That we have examined the above Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1939, and compared it with the books at Head Office and with the verified returns from the branches. We have examined the cash and the securities representing the Bank's investments, held at the Head Office and certain of the larger branches as at 31st October, 1939, and in addition we examined the cash and the securities held at certain of the important branches during the year. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet discloses the true condition of the Bank and is as shown by the books of the Bank.

TORONTO, 20th November, 1939.

A. B. SHEPHERD, F.C.A., of Post, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
B. McK. McCLELLAND, F.C.A., of Price, Waterhouse & Co.

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Good Value for Your Money All the Time—Cash and Carry

Lynn Valley Peaches, 2s. squat, 2 tins 25c	Glen Valley Peaches, 16-oz. tin 10c	Libby's Australian Sliced Pine- apple, 15-oz. tins 14c	Singapore Pineapple 3 tins 25c
Maple Leaf Dessert Pears, 15-oz. tins 3 for 25c	Saanich Preserved Pears, 2 tins 25c	Nabob Pure Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. tin 45c	Pearce's Fresh Kelowna Honey, 4-lb. tin 65c 2-lb. tin 35c

CANNED FRUIT, FRUIT JUICES, GORDON HEAD OR HOLSUM JAM OF ALL KINDS

Manitoba Pure Honey, 4 1/2-lb. tin 45c	Murray's Apple and Straw- berry Jam, 4-lb. tin 35c	Pure Damson Jam, 4-lb. tin 38c	Metcalf's Tomatoes, large tin 10c
Nabob Special Marmalade; or- ange, lemon and grapefruit, 4-lb. tin 39c	Columbia Pure Apricot Jam, 4-lb. tin 37c	Lunchour Cut Green Beans, 17-oz. tins 3 for 25c	Country Club Tomatoes, 2s. squat tins 3 for 25c

A SHIPMENT OF PEEK FREAN'S BISCUITS, JUST ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND

Orchard City Peas, 16-oz. tins 3 for 25c	Welch's Grape Juice, 10c small bottle	Libby's Tomato Juice, 5c 10 1/2-oz. tin	Australian Pastry Flour, 10-lb. cotton sack 31c
Country Kist Corn 3 for 25c	Medium, 25¢; Large 49¢	25 1/2-oz. tin 10c	5-lb. cotton sack 17c
Tropic Gold Grapefruit Juice, 12 1/2-oz. tin 7c	Deighton's Apple Juice, 10-oz. tin 9c	Finest Ready-cut Macaroni, 2-lb. bag 14c	Happy-Vale Pickles, large 32-oz. jar 25c
Jameson's Coffee, 48c 1-lb. pkt.	Libby's Cooked Spaghetti, 16-oz. tins 3 for 25c	Libby's Tomato Catsup, per bottle 14c	Jell-O, all flavors 3 pkts. 17c
Jameson's Tea, 55c 1-lb. pkt.	MAPLE LEAF, FIVE ROSES, PURITY OR ROYAL HOUSEHOLD BREAD FLOUR		Spencer's Jelly Powder, 5c all flavors, per pkt.
Libby's Pineapple Juice, 13-oz. at 3 for 25c	49-LB. SACK \$1.39	24-LB. SACK 75c	Nabob Jelly Powder, all flavors, 2 pkts. 9c
Donald Drake's Grapefruit Juice, 56-oz. tin 23c	Buy Now at These Low Prices		

NABOB TEA 55c Per lb. CAMPBELL'S SOUPS All Varieties 10c Per tin

Blue Ribbon Tea, 1-lb. pkt. 55c	Robin Hood Wafer Flake Oats, large pkt. 9c	Fresh Popcorn, large pkt. 10c	Grape-Nuts Flakes 2 pkts. 17c
Blue Ribbon Coffee, 1-lb. tin 47c	Swans Down Cake Flour, per pkt. 25c	Shredded Wheat Biscuits, per pkt. 10c	Sugar Crisp Corn Flakes, per pkt. 7c
Oxo or Bovril Cubes, large tin 20c	Good Rice 2 lbs. 9c	Kellogg's All-Bran, large pkt. 19c	Canada Corn Starch, per pkt. 9c
Robin Hood, B. & K. or Ogil- vie's Quick Oats, large pkt. 13c	Dr. Jackson's Roman Meal, Lishus or Bekus, per pkt. 31c	Robin Hood Quick Oats, 6-lb. sack 28c	Libby's Vegetable or Tomato Soup at 2 tins 15c

CURRENTS, RAISINS, PEEL, TABLE RAISINS, SHELLED ALMONDS, NEW WALNUTS, ALMONDS, BRAZILS, PECANS, FILBERTS, CRYSTALLIZED GINGER, PRESERVED GINGER IN JARS, K.D. AND BRAND'S PLUM PUDDINGS, IN FACT, EVERYTHING YOU MAY REQUIRE, OF THE FINEST QUALITY

Heinz Specials Baked Beans with pork and tomato sauce; medium tins, 2 for 25c Tomato Ketchup, 14-oz. bottle 19c Pickles, all kinds, 30c large jar Strained Foods, all kinds, 3 for 25c Campbell's To- mato Soup 3 tins 25c	What Is Nicer Than a Tin of Tea For a Christmas Present? 2-lb. tin \$1.65 3-lb. tin \$2.35 5-lb. tin \$3.50 Packed with rich family Tea	Spencer's Tea and Coffee QUALITY TEA, lb. 45c FRESH ROASTED COFFEE, 35c lb. Breakfast Blend 48c Mate Health Tea 75c Diamond "S" 47c Coffee, per lb.	Biscuit Specials Ormond's Tatters, 21c per lb. Fruit Creams, 25c per lb. Chocolate Puffs, 21c per lb. Chocolate Macaroons, 33c lb. Smith's "Famous" Short- breads, 21c per lb. All-occasion Cocoa, 27c 2-lb. tin
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NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE AND MINERAL WATER OF ALL KINDS

Crisco, 3-lb. tin 59c	Old Dutch Cleanser 3 tins 25c	Sunlight Soap 3 tins 17c	Husky Dog Food or Felix Cat Food at 3 tins 23c
1-lb. tin 21c	Chipsco, large pkt. 20c	Wonder Soap Flakes, 3lb. bag 25c	Red, White and Blue Toilet Tissue 2 rolls 5c
Todd's Horseshoe Salmon, 1/2 s, per tin 19c	Lifebuoy Soap 3 bars 20c	K-9 Dog Food 3 tins 25c	Purex Toilet Tissue, per roll 6c
Todd's Tiger Salmon, 1/2 s. 2 tins 27c	While Quantities Last		Ormond's Graham Wafers, large pkt. 16c
Happy-Vale Mince- meat, 2-lb. tin 25c	DAVID SPENCER LIMITED		Ormond's Soda Biscuits, large pkt. 16c
Lux or Camay Toilet Soap, per cake 5c			

Robert Peters Heads Astronomers

Robert Peters was elected president of the Victoria branch of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada for the second consecutive year at the annual dinner held in the Y.W.C.A. last night.

Other officers include: Honorary president, Lieut. Commander H. R. Tingley; first vice-president, Dr. R. M. Petrie; second vice-president, Capt. W. Everall; secretary-treasurer, Miss Phoebe Riddle.

The members of the council elected for the following year are: L. Hopkins, Dr. A. McKellar, O. M. Prentice, J. Smith and Miss Y. Langworthy.

last year, advocated greater use of the society's library.

Reports of the treasurer for the past year showed a creditable balance to the society.

The secretary's report was also read and gave a concise explanation of the activities of the society during the past year, mentioning the highlights of the society's efforts to arouse interest in astronomy in the city during the year.

Dr. J. S. Plaskett then addressed the members on "The Dominion Observatory at Victoria," during which he told the audience of the vast amount of work that was responsible for its establishment in 1918.

Much credit was given by Dr. Plaskett to Dr. W. F. King, former chief astronomer for Canada, for the establishment of the Observatory here.

The speaker was instrumental in the establishment of the astronomical observatory here, and told of the valuable scientific in-

formation obtained since its organization. Many records of priceless discoveries were first recorded at the Victoria observatory.

A musical program was also enjoyed by the members. Artists on the program were: James Petrie, vocal solos; Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Darimont and Gordon Shaw; instrumental trio, and Mrs. C. S. Beales, piano solos.

A vote of thanks to the press was also given by the society for the work done during the past year.

Robert Peters, president, was in the chair.

ROYAL OAK

Royal Oak Women's Institute education and better schools committee entertained at a 500 card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barker, Old West Road, Monday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. P. M. Monckton, F. Bobbett, Mrs. J. Reid, A. G. Weeks, Mrs. R. V. Caselton,

INDIANS ESCAPE

CHEMAINUS (CP)—Fred Jack and Jonas Peter, Duncan Indians, escaped from apparent certain death yesterday when their automobile plunged off the government wharf here into 30 feet of water.

Jack, driver of the car which ran out of control down a steep incline to the wharf, smashed the rear window of the automobile and struggled to the surface. Peter escaped through the door. Witnesses said the runaway car jumped 12-inch timbers at the end of the wharf and turned over once before hitting the water.

The two are none the worse for their experience.

C. A. Booth, W. J. Barker and Mrs. C. Tolson. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by the school committee.

Vote B. J. Gadsden as alderman.



The red double-barred cross, so prominently displayed on this year's Christmas Seal, stands as an emblem of hope and health—hope to those who wish to protect themselves from the disease.

Outlook Bright For Dominion

"Canada will still remain, will still be great and grow greater, and will continue to be a free country for free people," declared C. H. Carlisle, president, at the annual meeting of the Dominion Bank in Toronto yesterday.

"Canada today, with her varied and abundant crops, her large meat supplies, her forests and her mines, her huge area of productive lands, her transportation facilities—both lake and rail—her public service and educational institutions, the high intellectual and moral quality of her people, is in possession of advantages which give us courage to carry on and to visualize a brighter future."

But the future of Canada depends on the conduct of affairs in Canada as much as on our relation to other countries, and Mr. Carlisle outlined several things which should be kept carefully in mind. "While fighting dictators," he warned, "we must prove to all peoples that Canada at all times uses democratic principles in her own affairs." He condemned regimentation, by government or otherwise, as tried and proved a failure. He congratulated Canadian labor for its efficiency and its sound principles, and contrasted the enslavement of labor in Germany and Russia, and the losses of wages in other countries through strikes without just cause. Labor, management and also the farmer should all recognize that the consumer has the final decision.

Restrictions imposed on business by government should not be more than absolutely necessary, Mr. Carlisle continued, because they would be undemocratic and also because restrictions hamper the war effort by their adverse effects on production and trade. "It is only on the extension of production and the extension of trade that we can hope to provide for our tremendous financial burdens and maintain our standard of living."

Governments would encourage the Canadian people, Mr. Carlisle hoped, by showing a willingness to eliminate waste and discover and enforce economies, including reduction of the numbers in the various governments and the duplication among them.

The post-war period should also be given continuous thought, Mr. Carlisle declared. Wise policies on the part of government will attract capital and high-grade immigration to Canada. Provision for the future by the management of business is needed to meet such inevitable conditions as falling prices and inventory losses.

Mr. Rae, the general manager of the Dominion Bank, addressed the meeting in respect to the financial statement of the bank. "The cash assets of the bank totaled \$27,496,535, and were equivalent to 18.86 per cent of the public



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3. With pork, delicately seasoned with molasses (Boston).
4. Red Kidney Beans with pork and a grand sugar sauce.

liabilities. Readily realizable assets, which include government, municipal and other bonds as well as call and short loans, amounted to \$94,177,925, or 64.6 per cent of the liabilities to the public and indicate a very high ratio of liquidity." Among other features of the statement to which Mr. Rae referred were the carefully-selected portfolio of government bonds and other high-grade securities, and the very satisfactory increase in commercial loans.

Mr. Rae concluded, "The Dominion Bank is in a sound position and fully prepared to take its place in financing the business and war efforts of this country."

defeat of the four Austrian army corps, which penetrated halfway across Serbia, remains the wonder of military men. The crown prince, in an address to his troops, told them that they had beaten and pursued the enemy with a rapidity unheard of in military history.

LONDON—A communication issued by the official bureau today announced that the Turkish battleship *Messudieh* had been torpedoed by the British submarine B-11. The submarine entered the Dardanelles by diving under rows of mines and escaped again, although pursued by gunfire and torpedo boats.

BLOTCHY SKIN
Help relieve externally caused blemishes... aid your complexion with CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT

At the meeting of Ladies' Guild of Seamen's Institute held last week arrangements were made to give the sailors a Christmas tree, and several of the members volunteered to send over provisions for the Christmas dinner to be served that day.

DAD'S Oatmeal COOKIES
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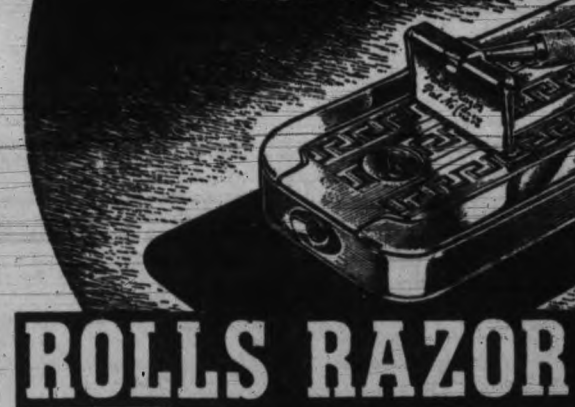
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LONDON—The marvelous recovery of the Serbians and their

A letter which went down with the ill-fated Empress of Ireland has come back to Victoria, from where it started. It was one written by J. E. Painter on May 21 to his son, Frederick, in England.

Christmas suggestion No. 1

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Whether a man is 18 or 80—downy-cheeked or bristle-bearded—fair-haired or blue-jowled, he will treasure the gift of a Rolls Razor above all other gifts.

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YOUNG NEW ZEALAND MUTTON
 LEGS, lb. 20c
 LOINS, lb. 10c
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 Breast, lb. 5c

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Golden Area Peaches... 18c and 25c
 Ridgway's Tea, (gross price) lb. 70c
 Polk's Grapefruit Juice, 2 for 25c
 Sweet Mixed or Mustard Pickles, 27-cv. 23c
 First-grade Butter, 3 lbs. \$1.00
 Mild Canadian Cheese, lb. 20c
 Grade A Medium Eggs, doz. 28c
 Cottage Cheese, Butter, lb. 11c
 Squirrel Peanut Butter, lb. 10c (Your container)
 Roast Ham, lb. 48c
 Roast Beef, lb. 40c
 Boiling Beef, lb. 0c and 12c
 Stew Beef, 2 lbs. 25c
 Hamburger, 2 lbs. 25c
 Lean Salsbury, 2 lbs. 35c
 Beef Liver, lb. 20c
 Beef Sausage Meat, 2 lbs. 35c
 Pork Sausage, 2 lbs. 45c
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MISS CICELY HOLMES **MR. FREDERICK J. FULTON**
 Major and Mrs. H. Cuthbert Holmes, Newport Avenue, Oak Bay, announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Cicely Evelyn Frances, to Mr. Frederick Joseph Fulton, third son of the late Frederick J. Fulton, K.C., of Kamloops, and Mrs. Fulton. The wedding will take place on Saturday, January 6, at St. John's Church at 2.30 p.m. Miss Holmes is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Both are members of well-known pioneer families of British Columbia, Miss Holmes being a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Pemberton of "Mountjoy," and Mr. Fulton a grandson of the late Hon. Theodore Davie, Q.C., a former attorney-general.

Social and Personal

Miss Mary Thatcher, Fort Street, has gone over to Vancouver to visit friends.

Mrs. J. L. Roe of Kamloops is spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Genn, Richardson Street, and her daughter, Miss Tinker Roe.

Capt. C. R. Bull, M.P.P., with Mrs. Bull and their son, Tony Bull, who is attending Glenlyon School, Beach Drive, will leave on Saturday for their home in Kelowna.

Mrs. George McMicken and her son, Mr. Robert Jackson, have returned to their home at Shoal Bay, Sidney, from Vancouver, where they were the much-feted guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Van Roggen for the last week.

Mrs. H. P. Bagley and her daughter, Miss Peggy Bagley, have returned from California for a short time before leaving for eastern Canada to spend Christmas with Mrs. Bagley's son, Lieut. Jack Bagley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Grogan entertained at a cocktail party yesterday at their home on Bowker Avenue in honor of Miss Phyllis Hodgson and Mr. Harry Means, whose marriage will take place on Saturday.

The Misses Muriel and Betty Thatcher, who are attending the University of Washington, Seattle, returned today to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thatcher, Pemberton Road.

Miss Shirley Walker, who is teaching school at West Summerland, will arrive home on Sunday to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Walker, the Uplands. Their son, Mr. Bill Walker, who is attending the University of Washington, Seattle, returned home today.

Mrs. C. T. Beard left today for Vancouver where she will spend a week as the guest of Mrs. Mayne Hamilton. She will be accompanied on her return by her younger daughter, Patsy, who has been attending school in Vancouver and who will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother.

Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Linden Avenue, has returned from Vancouver, having accompanied her son, Mr. J. D. B. Hunter, to the mainland on his way to Los Angeles, where he will enter the International Technical School of Aircraft. Dr. Hunter, who accompanied her to Vancouver, is remaining for a few days longer.

Mrs. L. K. Poyntz went up to Duncan today to attend the marriage of her son, Mr. Maxwell Desmond Poyntz, and Miss Pamela Fox, that will take place this evening in the chapel of Queen Margaret's School. Sgt. A. Stevenson of Victoria will be best man at the wedding, and other Victoria guests will be Mrs. Arthur Poyntz, Miss Margaret Poyntz, Mr. Harry Poyntz and Miss Phyllis Dodsborough.

Mrs. D. Ewing was hostess Monday to members of the Brownettes' Bridge Club at her home on Wascana Street. Prizes were won by Miss Ruth White-oak and Miss Doreen Mills. During the evening Mrs. G. Windwick, a recent bride, was presented with a corsage of pink carnations and a jardiniere stand, a gift from her fellow members. Others present were: Mrs. R. Wakeham, Mrs. H. Nancarrow, Miss Dorothy Hill and Miss Elsie Finlayson.

Scandinavia Music Is Illustrated

University Women Enjoy Lecture

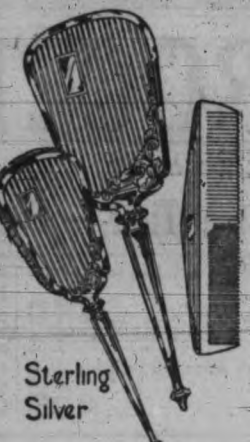
Scandinavian music was the theme of the interesting lecture and program presented before the University Women's Club and their friends at a meeting held in Spencer's lounge last evening. Mrs. T. Harry Johns was the speaker and arranged the attractive program which illustrated her interesting and informative talk, showing the great contribution made by the Scandinavian countries, including Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, to contemporary music. She traced the influence of folk music on the music of the four countries, and touched upon the great composers of each.

In illustration, the following program was given: Norwegian music - Elizabethan quartette (Miss Dorothy Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Townsend, Dudley Wickett), "Yes, We Love With Fond Devotion" (Nordraak) and "Morning" (Grieg); vocal solos, Dorothy Parsons, "The Swan" and "Hope" (Grieg); piano solos, Mrs. G. A. McCurdy, "Marche Grotesque" (Sinding) and Sonata in E minor, first movement (Grieg); bass solos, Dr. T. H. Johns, "The Brookside" and "First Primrose" (Grieg); violin, Gilbert Margison, Sonata No. 1, Op. 8, second movement, and "My

A surprise miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. Leslie Jackson in honor of Mrs. Robert Fenlon, formerly Miss Jean Jackson, a recent bride. The room decorations and shower container were in lilac and Chinese pink. Mrs. Fenlon was presented with a corsage of pink carnations and violets. Games were enjoyed, the winners being Miss Pat Fitzpatrick and Miss Judy Pearce. The invited guests were: Mrs. Fenlon Sr., Miss Thelma Fenlon, Miss Judy Pearce, Miss Pat Fitzpatrick, Miss Betty Gotsell, Miss Amelia Bantley, Mrs. W. Johnson, Miss Gladys Johnson, Miss Florence Miller, Mrs. M. Gard, Mrs. W. Fea, Mrs. W. M. Jackson, Mrs. F. Martin, Miss Evelyn Wright, Miss Theresa Wrang, Mrs. W. E. Roskelley and Mrs. F. Wilfert.

(Women's club news on Page 18)

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Other Scandinavian countries: Elizabethan Quartette, "Vermeland," "Evening Fancies" (Grieg); Miss Parsons, "It Was a Dream" (Lassen), "By a Kiln" and "The Rosebud" (Palmgren); Mrs. G. A. McCurdy, "May Night" (Palmgren) and "Romance in D Flat" (Sibelius); Dr. Johns, "Knud Lavard" (Gade) and "A Seraglio Garden" (Sjogren).

The evening concluded with serving of refreshments.

Mrs. E. S. Blair, convener and director of the Victoria Women's Institute drama group, entertained the members of the group and executive at tea, on Monday afternoon. A program of comic dialogues and short plays was enjoyed. Mrs. W. Peden, on behalf of the group, presented Mrs. Blair with a gift of china in appreciation of her work. The next meeting of the group will be held early in January.

Ball and Donations Raised

\$1,104 for Saanich Poor

Proceeds from the Saanich municipal charity ball held at Saanichton, together with donations received since, amounted to the handsome sum of \$1,100.44, the committee announces. A financial report submitted by Miss H. Elliott, secretary-treasurer, showed that the sum of \$804.96 was realized as profit from the dance, since which \$495.48 has been received as donations.

It has been decided to use \$400 for the Christmas cheer fund, script being used in place of hampers this year. A further \$50 will purchase comforts for needy Saanich cases in various nursing homes, and \$200 will be placed to the credit of the medical health officer's fund which supplies optical treatment, also special medical care for underprivileged children of the municipality. The balance will be held in trust to be used as considered necessary for Saanich charities during the coming year.

The committee are grateful to

A. P. Blyth and also to H. S. Timberlake, optometrists of this city, whose generous offers of a number of free examinations and glasses were needed will be of great assistance to the medical health officer's fund for needy children. The committee also express their thanks to those who helped with the sale of tickets, particularly Mrs. F. R. Osborne of the Saanich Welfare Association, and to all who have contributed in any way to the cause of Saanich's needy.

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CHRISTMAS POPCORN
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SHOULDER, ROLLED, lb. **23c**
CHOPS, per lb. **20c**
BREAST, per lb. **15c**

PORK
PICNIC, lb. **15c**
LOINS, per lb. **22c**
LEGS, per lb. **22c**
CHOPS, per lb. **23c**

MUTTON
LEGS, per lb. **17c**
SHOULDERS, per lb. **12c**
CHOPS, per lb. **15c**
BREAST, per lb. **10c**

SAUSAGE MEAT, lb. **7c**
HAMBURGER, lb. **10c**

BOILING BEEF, lb. **10c**
STEAK AND KIDNEY **2 lbs. 25c**

CORNED BEEF, per lb. **15c**

FRESH LIVER, lb. **10c**
BEEF HEARTS, lb. **10c**

PEANUT BUTTER **13c** pkt.

LIBBY'S SEEDLESS RAISINS, 15-oz. pkts.
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FRESH HERRING, 3 lbs. **20c**
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PENMAN HADDIE, per lb. **20c**
SMOKED SALMON, per lb. **20c**
SMOKED WHITING, 2 lbs. **25c**

DELICATESSEN
MEAT AND CHEESE LOAF, 1/2-lb. **10c**
ENGLISH BROWN, 1/2-lb. **10c**
COTTAGE CHEESE, lb. **10c**
PEANUT BUTTER, lb. **10c**
MINCEMEAT, lb. **10c**
LARGE DILLS, 5 for **10c**
BURN'S SANDWICH LOAF, 1/2-lb. **21c**

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3 tins **25c**

Cloverleaf Chopped Clams
2 tins **23c**

Crab Meat
19c tin

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Chocolate Drops, lb. **19c**
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While King George stands in left background, Queen Elizabeth and her two sisters-in-law, the Duchess of Kent and Gloucester, chat with actor Victor Oliver who greeted them on their arrival at a London theatre for a performance of "Black Velvet," in which Oliver stars. Oliver is the son-in-law of First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill.

Weddings

DODDS-TAYLOR

CALGARY—A military wedding of much interest was solemnized at 7.30 o'clock on Saturday evening at St. Stephen's Church when Molly Irene, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor of this city, became the bride of Mr. John William Dodds, staff sergeant of the Royal Canadian Ordnance, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dodds of Victoria. Ven. Archdeacon Cecil Swanson, D.D., officiated, and Mr. Thomas Jenkins played the bridal procession and recessional.

The petite, dark-haired bride was charming in her white satin wedding gown which was cut on princess lines with an Elizabethan collar of lace and a lace yoke. The long, fitted sleeves were slightly pulled at the shoulders and formed points over the hands. The filmy bridal veil, which had inserts of lace, fell from a coronet of orange blossoms and was worn over the bride's face during the ceremony. Her bouquet was a shower of cream roses and violets.

The attendants were Mrs. F. D. Walnes, as matron of honor, and Miss Norma Anderson of Edmonton, formerly of this city, as bridesmaid. Sergeant-Major P. W. Woolich, R.C.O.C., was the best man, and Private Andrew Fleming, R.C.O.C., ushered the guests to their pews.

The matron of honor wore a becoming gown of pale pink net over pink taffeta with applied crescents of forget-me-nots on the bouffant skirt. The sleeves of the dress were puffed and the tiny hat was made entirely of French flowers. She wore pink net mittens and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and yellow daisies. Miss Anderson, whose bouquet was similar to that of the matron of honor, was dressed in pale larkspur blue taffeta with a sweetheart neckline and a bustle skirt. Her hat was of pink and blue French flowers, with long blue streamers knotted at the ends with flowers.

Miss Mae Taylor, sister of the bride, assisted in receiving at the reception. She wore a black velvet gown with a deep purple hat and a corsage of American Beauty roses.

For traveling the bride changed to a shirtwaist dress of navy blue sheer with a coachman felt hat, navy accessories and a seal topcoat. The bride and bridegroom left to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dodds, in Victoria, before going to Ottawa, where the bridegroom will be stationed for the present.

RHODE-BROWN

White chrysanthemums were used in decoration of St. John's Church, Colwood, for the wedding last evening at 8 when Ina Kathleen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, Colwood, and Mr. Norman James Rhode, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rhode, Happy Valley, were united in marriage by Rev. R. E. M. Yerrburgh.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride's white satin princess gown, with its high neckline and long sleeves, was

Battalion W.A. Tea Nets \$190 for Wool

Socially and financially an outstanding success, the tea held at the home of Mrs. F. A. Lindsay, Uplands, yesterday afternoon netted the sum of \$190, which will be used to buy wool for comforts for the men of the First Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment.

Arranged by the recently organized women's auxiliary to the battalion, the tea attracted many guests, including Mrs. E. W. Hamer and Mrs. V. G. Brodeur, who were received by the hostess and Mrs. R. D. Travis, president of the W.A., who was general convener of the delightful affair. Mrs. W. C. Nichol, Miss Agnew, Mrs. C. T. Beard, Mrs. W. S. Oliver, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Andrew Gray, Mrs. J. R. Kingham and Mrs. E. N. Horsey presided at the tea-table, which was centred with an appropriate arrangement of heather, flanked by hunting Stuart tartan bows, and lighted by ivory tapers in silver candelabra. Mrs. John A. Stewart was in charge of the tea arrangements and assisting her were Mrs. A. J. Gray, Mrs. W. Gibson, Mrs. S. J. McDonald, Mrs. Leslie Macdonell, Mrs. L. Muirhead, Mrs. J. Horne, Mrs. R. Fox, Mrs. W. Oliver, Mrs. Guy Barclay, Mrs. F. Cabellu, Mrs. Cyril Whitman and Mrs. Harold Husband.

A stall of fancywork in charge of Mrs. Nicholas Van der Vliet and Mrs. M. W. Ducat, and a home cooking table in charge of Mrs. John Rockingham were well patronized. Mrs. Brooke Stephenson had charge of the silver collection.

ST. ALBAN'S A.Y.P.A.

Three new members were initiated at the meeting of St. Alban's A.Y.P.A. Miss M. Dene-Freeman presided. An interesting talk was given by Rev. F. Comley on his early days as a missionary. A parish social will be held on Friday evening.

The ladies' committee of the Crystal Garden Ministry held a successful bazaar and social evening at the Sons of England Hall. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$100.

W.A. Britannia Branch No. 7, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., will hold their card social tonight at 8. Whist and 500 will be played and refreshments served.

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The Victorian Order of Nurses held the monthly meeting at the home of the president, Miss F. Fitzgibbon, 1006 St. Charles Street, on Tuesday. Plans for the annual meeting, to be held in

January, were discussed. Miss McCuag, western supervisor, visited the district this month and reported that a radio broadcast on the work of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada is

being arranged, through the Health League of Canada, early in the new year.

Miss Fitzgibbon thanked those members of the board who had co-operated in the Community Chest campaign. Miss Creaser reported that the nurses had made 1,037 visits to 131 new cases during the month. These visits consisted of 106 to mothers and babies, 39 to pre-natals, 91 to communicable diseases, 20 cancer, 95 to chronic cases, 358 to others

and 196 instructive.

There were 41 night calls. Four well baby clinics and four prenatal sewing classes were conducted. Ten classes in home nursing and child care were given to groups of girls and young women. Donations of sewing and knitting were gratefully received from the Junior Auxiliary and other contributions for extra Christmas cheer were acknowledged with thanks by the members of the board.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Thriftily At "The Bay" — In Safety and Comfort No Matter How Great the Crowds!

Yes, the stores are crowded during these days of frantic buying for Christmas... yet at "The Bay" you don't find the inconveniences usually attached with crowds! The Store is so constructed to stand many crowds, and the atmosphere is fresh and clean as new air is continually being pumped into each floor. Low "Bay" Prices, as low as possible in keeping with our Quality standards, make "The Bay" the Ideal Gift Headquarters for thrifty shoppers!



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Fine lawn, and linen. Whites, whites with color and initial.
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All pure linen. Fancy and plain types. Hand worked.
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Vast choice of hand-tied, ap- plique, fillet work, cap- er, stitched. White and color.

BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS FROM IRELAND
3 IN A GIFT BOX
AT 39c
Dainty, colorful linens

Distinctively designed linens and lace opal cloths in a wide selection of plain and fancy patterns.
AT 59c



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Whether she's your mother... sister... daughter or the girl friend... she'll appreciate your good taste and thoughtfulness if you present her with gift Gloves from "The Bay." The perfect gift for any girl or woman!

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Classic slip-on styles, exquisitely cut from soft doeskin, in colors of white, natural, fawn, tan, green, wine, violet, navy and black. Pair, **2.50**

ATTRACTIVE KID GLOVES
Remember "Her" at Christmas... give these fine quality Kid Gloves! Eye-catching styles in tailored and novelty types... all popular colors... sizes 6 to 7 1/2. Attractively gift boxed. Pair, **2.50**, **2.98**, **3.50**, **3.95** and **4.50**

CAPEKIN GLOVES
For the Young Miss
Smart lined and uplined Capekin Gloves. They're good-looking, serviceable, and any girl will be thrilled to receive a pair. Tan shade only. All sizes. Pair, **1.25**



—Gloves, Street Floor at THE BAY

KIDDIES

Write Your Letter To Santa Claus

Tell him what you would like for Christmas! Mail your letters in the special Mail Box in Toyland. Santa will answer your letter personally!

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BASKET-MAKING OUTFITS
Something new! Consists of colored bases, upright pins and material for weaving a real educational set. Priced at **75c, 1.50, 3.50**

DOLL BEDS
Well-constructed... finished in either cream or green. Complete with mattress. **2.25**

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To make your Christmas Tree gay and sparkling. Priced at **5c, 10c, 15c**

—Toyland, Third Floor

ENGLISH Footballs

With hand-sewn cover and good quality bladder... inflated. **\$1**

A perfect gift for the boy who plays football... and outstanding value at this low price.
—Sporting Goods, Third Floor at THE BAY

A NEW SHIPMENT OF CANNON TOWELS

Just arrived in time for Christmas! Famous quality Cannon Towels in designs and colors to please every preference.

WATER LILY DESIGN

A lovely pattern in thick, spongy quality towels. Solid colors in jacquard style, in peach, dusty rose, jade, azure, maize.
Bath Towel, 24x46, Each **89c**
Face Towel, 12x27, Each **49c**
Wash Cloth, Each **19c**

Set **1.57**

DAISY CHAIN

Another clever design in two-color effects. A choice of 5 exquisite shades.
Bath Towels, 24x46, Each **1.29**
Face Towels, 12x27, Each **59c**
Washcloths, each **25c**

Set **2.13**

SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY! CANNON BATH TOWELS

Thick, thirsty Bath Towels, in mill run quality, that will make grand gifts... An excellent assortment of colored borders on white. Size 24x46. Special at **50c**

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GIRLS' PARTY FROCKS

Adorable Taffeta Party Frocks that will make your daughter's eyes shine with delight. Styled with frills and full flaring skirts... Variety of dainty pastel shades. Sizes 7 to 14X. **3.98 to 5.98**

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Cosy Two-piece Suits in fine wools and wool jerseys... to keep little boys warm and comfortable! Blue, red, navy, Nile and beige. Sizes 1 to 6 years. **1.29**

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Well-made, practical cotton jersey leggings... a gift both mother and youngster will appreciate! Sizes 1 to 6 years. 6-button length, 6-inch slipper. **1.00**, **1.98**

BRUSHED WOOL BABY SETS

Pure Wool Sets consisting of jacket, leggings and toque. They'll keep baby snug, warm, pretty! Choose from white, blue, pink. Sizes 1 to 2 years. Set, **4.50**

—Children's Wear, Fashion Floor at THE BAY



"Scent-imental" Gifts

For Your Christmas Belle!
This year Perfume Gifts will rank high, for lovely ladies need so many changes! Here are just a few of the many intriguing Perfumes that we offer from our Toilettes Section!

BOUBONNET
Quisque Fleur, Quisque Violettes, Carnation, Bois de Rose, Gardenia, Honeysuckle, Country Club. **1.00**
With Atomizer **1.95**

GREENVILLE
Carnation, Lilac, Cedar, Eucalyptus, Casanova. **55c, 1.10, 1.90**

MINTY'S COLOGNE and LAVENDER
at **25c, 50c and 1.00**

HARRIET HUBBARD AYER
Pink Clover **1.50**
With spray **2.00**

DE RAYMOND
Minty, Pine, Gardenia. **1.00**

4711 COLOGNE
at **1.00, 1.50, 3.50**

DERBY'S COLOGNE and LAVENDER
at **25c and 50c**

—Toilettes, Street Floor at THE BAY

Butterick Patterns

We have an excellent choice of new styles in this popular-prepared Pattern... with all the regular advantages that Butterick offers.
Afternoon Frocks, Sport Frocks, Blouses, Coats, Smocks, Pyjamas, Lingerie, Children's Clothes. Each **15c**

—Patterns, Street Floor at THE BAY

GAY SCOTCH PLAIDS

See these crisp Tartan Plaids, in colorful Scotch tartans, that will take up into jaunty frocks; 28 inches. Yard **79c**

TRIPLE SHEERS
Soft draping sheer Crepes that will fashion into lovely afternoon frocks. Give a dress length for Christmas; 34 inches. Yard **98c**

—Fabrics, Street Floor at THE BAY

BELGIAN CRYSTAL STEMWARE

Sparkling, inexpensively-priced Stemware make charming gifts for your friends or for your own festive table. Attractive shapes with dainty flower and drop-cut design. Goblets, Sherbets, Wines, Oyster Cocktails, Tall Cocktails, Tumblers. **3 for \$1**

ENGLISH BONE CHINA

CUPS and SAUCERS

These will make happy gift-suggestions for the hostess! A wide choice of gay patterns or conventional designs. **39c**

—China, Third Floor at THE BAY



CORSELETTES

Gossard Missimplicity garments in satin or peach brocade... with lace uplift bust. Zipper fastener style. Sizes 32 to 37. Each **5.00**

CORSETS

Gossard Front-lacing Corsets in peach brocade... firmly boned... elastic under bust. **5.00**

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Formal, informal, lovely, amusing, colorful... whatever your taste or hers, you may suit it in the smart selection in our Lamp Salon!

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We suggest these for beauty and adequate lighting! Finished in stately bronze, gold, copper and ivory, also with insets of onyx in base. Priced from **8.50 to 20.00**

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We have a grand assortment of Radio and Novelty Lamps, in bronze, chrome and colored plastics. Complete with shade. From **2.95 to 7.50**

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POTTERY TABLE LAMPS

Charming, inexpensive gifts that anyone will welcome! Excellent variety of designs and colors, suitable for any room. **1.95 to 4.95**

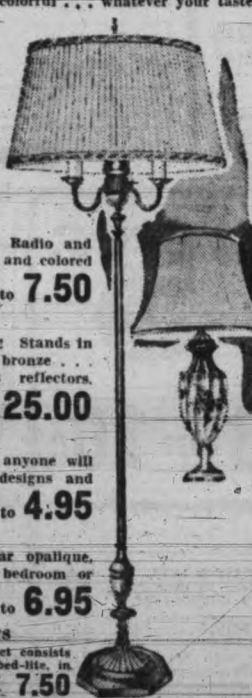
TABLE and BOUDOIR LAMPS

Ivory alabaster, decorated and clear opaline, also crystal. Dainty Lamps for bedroom or living-room. **1.95 to 6.95**

3-PIECE MODERN BOUDOIR SETS

A gift of beauty for her bedroom! Set consists of two dressing table lamps and one bed-sit, in glass and chrome. Green, rose, amber, white and white. Set **7.50**

—Lamps, Fourth Floor at THE BAY



CASH AND CARRY PURE FOODS

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY CARRY AND SAVE!

TOMATOES Country Kid, No. 28 3 tins 25c	CORN Royal City Golden Bantam, 17-oz. tins 3 for 28c	APRICOTS Lynn Valley, 15-oz. tins 2 for 23c
PORK and BEANS Libby's, 16-oz. tins 3 for 22c	PEANUT BUTTER Squirrel 14c	PINEAPPLE Crawford's sliced, cubed and crushed 3 tins 25c
PEACHES Lynn Valley, 24-sq. tins 2 tins 27c	PEAS Orchard City, size 24, 17-oz. tins 3 for 25c	CUT GREEN BEANS King Beach Kentucky Wonder, 17-oz. tins 2 for 21c
BARTLETT PEARS Seasch, 24-sq. tins 2 tins 25c	PEA SOUP Baptiste French Canadian 10-oz. tins 2 for 11c	GRAPEFRUIT JUICE Triple Gold, 15-oz. tins 2 for 15c
PEA SOUP Baptiste French Canadian 10-oz. tins 2 for 11c	Come in Saturday! Sample Hot Chocolate made with Carnation Milk. Baby tins... 2 for 9c Tall tins... 2 for 9c	HONEY Rindell's Alberta No. 1, 2-lb. tin 25c
TOMATO JUICE GREEN GIANT 10-oz. tins 2 for 9c 20-oz. tins 3 for 25c	MARMALADE Empress-Orange, 4-lb. tin 39c	CRABMEAT Osprey (Canadian), 1-lb. tin 21c
SEEDLESS RAISINS Sun-Maid, 15-oz. pkts. 2 for 27c	RASPBERRY JAM Aylmer, 24-oz. jar 32c	SALMON Horseshoe, 1-lb. tin 19c
PICKLES Happy-Val, sweet, sour or mustard mixed, 10-oz. jar 10c	SHRIMP Dunbar, wet or dry, 1-lb. tin 18c	TEA Economy blend, per lb. 45c SAR 45c DARFON, 4 lbs. 25c
BUTTER Hudsonia, First Grade Only, per lb. 34c	LARD Swift's Silverleaf, 1-lb. cartons 2 for 19c	BACON Campfire Brand Sliced Side 1-lb. tins 25c
SHORTENING Snowflake 10c	ROBIN HOOD or MAPLE LEAF 24-oz. can 2.80	PASTRY FLOUR Wild Rose, 7-lb. sack 29c
JELLY POWDERS Nabob Assorted Flavors 2 for 9c	QUICK OATS Robin Hood, large pkts. 2 for 25c	SOAP, Lifebuoy 2 cakes 13c
QUICK OATS Robin Hood, large pkts. 2 for 25c	TOILET SOAP Lux, cake 5c	TOILET TISSUE Chief, 2 rolls 5c



Just Arrived From England! A Large Selection of Christmas Bonbons At Popular Prices!

OAKLANDS P.T.A.

The Oakland P.T.A. study group met in the school library on Tuesday afternoon. The subject of study was "Fear." Papers read by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Brooke, Mrs. Dodgson, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Ferguson were followed by discussion of problems arising out of the subject. Refreshments concluded the meeting. The next

meeting will be on January 9, at the home of Mrs. Frampton, 2737 Rosebery Avenue. Under the auspices of the Oakland P.T.A. tomorrow evening at 7.20 carol singing will be held in the school auditorium with Dick Smeddon as conductor. Moving pictures will also be shown demonstrating the projector supplied to the school by the P.T.A. A small admission will be charged.

ST. ANDREW'S Y.P.S.

On Monday evening St. Andrew's Y.P.S. held their last business meeting of the season. After a short devotional period, led by Violet Wilson, Gordon Winter took the chair for the business session. Rev. J. L. W. McLean then gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on the topic of the evening, devotion; the mean-

ing of the word and how it applied to God and the church. Games brought the evening to a close.
On Monday, December 18, at 8, the society will hold their Christmas party in the lecture room of the church. An interesting program has been arranged, with Santa Claus in attendance. As this will be the final meeting of the year, it is hoped all

members will be present and bring a white gift and 10 cents.
Checks for Truth
EMPORIA, Kansas (CP) — When a mouse jumped out from the seat of the car she was driving, a woman screamed and abandoned ship. Later she checked with newspaper reporters so that persons watching would know "I wasn't drunk."

Y.P. SONG SERVICE
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Y.P.S. were responsible for the enjoyable song service held in the Y.M.C.A. last Sunday evening. The president, Gordon Winters, was in the chair. Fred Arnott at the piano and Allan Anderson, violinist, supplied the accompaniment for the hymns. During the

evening Sam McCracken offered a prayer and a vocal solo was sung by Miss Violet Wilson. The service was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Next week the Emmanuel Baptist Y.P.S. will be in charge. All young people are reminded of the Christmas carol service to be held in the gym of the Y.M.C.A., December 24, under the leadership of Centennial Y.P.S.

WOKING, Eng. — Children from London here under the evacuation scheme marvel at the wonders of the country. "Ere, look," said one. "At 'ome we 'ave to go to the Zoo to see a swan. 'Ere they're in the blinkin' ditch!"
St. Alban's A.Y.P.A. will hold a parish social in the church hall on Friday evening. Games will be played and refreshments served.

British Cruisers Outsmart Graf Spee

Dart From Smoke Screens and Fire Vicious Salvos Victors In Atlantic Naval Battle

MONTEVIDEO (AP) — How three British cruisers, like well-trained hounds worrying a huge bear, slashed at the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee until the badly-damaged warship was forced to take refuge in the neutral harbor of Montevideo, was described by eye-witnesses and authorities today.

From their accounts was pieced together a picture of the day-long battle. It showed the British cruisers Exeter, Achilles and Ajax, under Commodore H. H. Harwood, their guns outgunning at least 3,000 yards by the 11-inch German guns, used every trick known to naval warfare to beat down their larger opponent's defenses.

The British ships made "magnificent" use of smoke screens, eye-witnesses said, to avoid exposing themselves disastrously to the Admiral Graf Spee's heavier gunfire. The cruisers were said to have darted from behind these sheltering smokescreens to fire their own salvos, then retreated swiftly from sight, constantly shifting their positions.

Although outranged and lacking their opponent's heavier armor, a British official said the lighter cruisers moved in, despite the 850-pound projectiles the pocket battleship was hurling.

The Graf Spee's secondary armament was equal to the best armament of two British cruisers. The German ship has six 11-inch guns and eight 5.9 guns, while the Ajax and Achilles have eight 6-inch guns and the Exeter six 8-inch guns.

To avoid the Graf Spee's 850-pound shells, one of which almost ripped a turret from the Exeter early in the battle, the British cruisers manoeuvred at high speed behind their dense smoke-screens.

By these tactics, they worked in close enough for the Exeter to train its eight-inch guns, firing 256-pound shells, and the Achilles and Ajax to use their six-inch guns, throwing 100-pound projectiles.

BRITISH GUNNERS ACCURATE

Accuracy of the British gunners was attested by the battered appearance of the Admiral Graf Spee in Montevideo harbor. It appeared at least four eight-inch shells struck the German vessel, two crashing into the armored area around the bridge and two others entering near the bow and stern. Smaller shells appeared to have battered the starboard side of the warship.

Jubilant over driving Germany's pocket battleship into a neutral harbor, British officials gave full credit to the Exeter and Ajax, normally assigned to the South Atlantic patrol, and the Achilles, which had slipped around Cape Horn from the Pacific to help run down the German raider.

Their own casualties, the British said, might equal the 36 killed and 60 wounded aboard the Graf Spee.

"If the German battleship is out of service for the rest of the war, it appears we paid a small price," a British source said.

German claims they inflicted heavy damage on the British cruisers. One German spokesman said "it is easy to see our losses because we are here, but our enemies suffered more than we."

Meanwhile the Admiral Graf Spee clung to her refuge here while two of the three British cruisers mounted guard out at sea.

The third cruiser, the crippled Exeter, which was knocked out of the fight after four hours of cannonading, limped into the Rio de la Plata to a position 12 miles off Montevideo.

Intermittent for the duration of the war seemed the only prospect for the German warship. Otto Langman, German minister to Uruguay, visited the vessel and renewed charges that crewmen were suffering from lung and eye injuries resulting from gas shells fired by the British ships.

Neutral inspectors were not permitted aboard the pocket battleship.

WAITING TO FIGHT AGAIN

It was believed the Exeter was preparing to enter the harbor to disembark wounded, but the Ajax and Achilles and possibly other British warcraft hovered off

shore, waiting to resume the battle should the German venture out.

The Admiral Graf Spee had until midnight today (7.30 p.m. P.S.T.) to leave Montevideo or apply for an extension of her stay.

Langman this morning prepared to request permission that the warship be allowed to remain in Montevideo long enough to make repairs without risking interment.

The minister, supported by the German naval attaché, planned to base the request on Uruguayan neutrality legislation.

While these steps were contemplated the French merchantman, Formosa, a prize the German warship was seeking when the naval battle began, reached port at 10 a.m. with passengers shaken by the engagement they witnessed. Some of the passengers still were incoherent.

Far into the night she lay at anchor, potential target of the guns of the Ajax and Achilles, which were scarcely cool from yesterday's battle.

With dawn, however, the British ships had moved out of the Montevideo roads and were not visible. It was presumed they had withdrawn to points outside territorial waters off the broad mouth of Rio de la Plata.

The decision on disposition of the dead was yet to be announced.

A silent, awed throng jammed police lines through the night, craning for a glimpse of the battered ship. They could not see the conquerors, the 7,030-ton Achilles, the 6,985-ton Ajax, the 8,390-ton Exeter, in all 22,405 tons of speedier naval power against the larger guns of the pocket battleship.

The Exeter was in the battle for only four hours before the 11-inch guns of the German warship forced her to withdraw.

The Achilles and the Ajax bounded the Admiral Graf Spee for the entire 14 hours—from 6 a.m. (1.30 a.m. P.S.T.) until after 8 p.m.—their six-inch guns almost constantly ablaze.

Uruguayan officials who boarded the Admiral Graf Spee said the Germans reported that one of their shots had scored a direct hit on a turret of the Exeter almost at the start of the battle.

NOT VITALLY DAMAGED

German officers described how other shells struck the cruiser but apparently failed to penetrate her vital parts for the Exeter continued for some time in battle.

The German envoy made the first official announcement of the warship's identity. This was a surprise for there had been no hint the Admiral Graf Spee had joined her sister ships, the Deutschland and Admiral Scheer in Atlantic raiding.

The Admiral Graf Spee had not been mentioned in war reports since the British air raid on Germany's Kiel base, September 4, the second day of the war.

A Royal Air Force pilot, said to have dropped the first bomb of the war, declared in an authorized interview at London, September 19, that the Admiral Graf Spee was the principal target of the raid. Germany denied she had been hit.

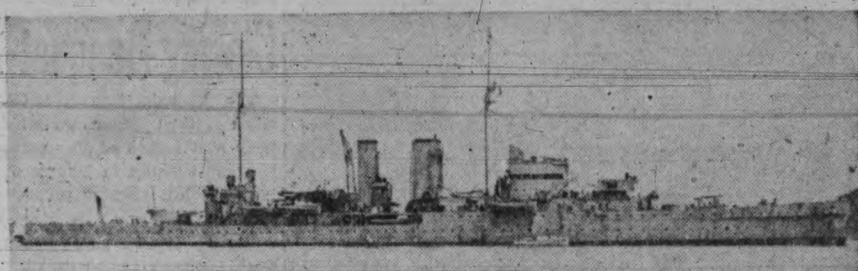
The engagement—the first important naval encounter of the war thus far—occurred within the Pan-American neutrality belt and much of it could be seen from the Uruguayan shore. Observers and radio stations gave Uruguayans a virtual round-by-round account of daylight portions of the fight.

The Admiral Graf Spee touched off the battle when she came upon the cruiser Ajax just after dawn yesterday. The British warship was convoying the French merchantman Formosa from Brazil to Uruguay.

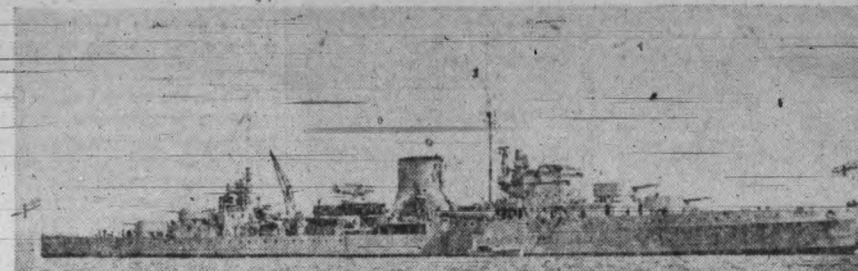
The German vessel rushed into battle, her heavy guns blazing. The French freighter slipped away to safety. The Ajax returned the German fire with her six-inch guns, momentarily repulsing the attacker and at the same time summoning the Achilles and Exeter.

Quickly the Germans found the tables turned with their 26-knot battleship harassed by the three faster but lighter-armed British ships. The Ajax and Achilles made 32.5 knots, the Exeter 32.

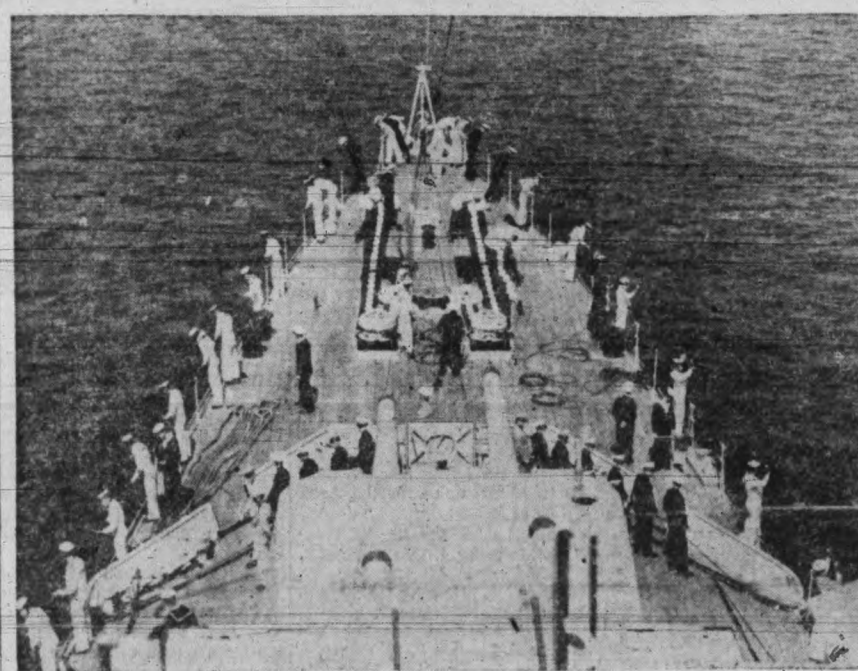
The Admiral Graf Spee apparently found the Exeter's eight-inch guns particularly damaging, for she turned her back on her other attackers to concentrate volleys after volleys on the Exeter,



H.M.S. Exeter, which visited Esquimalt in 1937.



Sister ships, H.M.S. Achilles and H.M.S. Ajax.



Looking forward over the eight-inch guns of H.M.S. Exeter.

heaviest of the three British men-of-war.

EXETER DISABLED

This concentration of fire put the Exeter out of the battle after four hours, her armor—two to three inches thick—battered by the German shells. But the diversion benefitted the other two British ships.

The six-inch guns of the Achilles and Ajax were more than a match for the 11-inch weapons of the Admiral Graf Spee and she squirmed to escape. Observers at Punta Del Este lighthouse on the Uruguayan shore saw the pocket battleship steam away to the southwest, but the Achilles and Ajax were at her heels, relentlessly firing.

The two British cruisers pursued their quarry to Montevideo harbor after night had fallen. The gunfire that had reverberated up and down the coast, sometimes barely nine miles off shore, continued for some time after dark.

Her wounds hidden by the night, the Admiral Graf Spee crept into the harbor, guided to her anchorage by a Montevideo port pilot taken aboard by the German warship's launch.

Langman said six British masters of merchantmen which were sunk by the warship were aboard her, but he gave no names.

British Sub Sinks U-Boat; Hits Cruiser

LONDON (CP) — Almost lost today in the spectacular details of the first naval engagement of the war in which British cruisers battered the German raider Admiral Graf Spee and chased it into Montevideo harbor, was the Admiralty's announcement that the British submarine which spared the 51,000-ton German liner Bremen "has sunk a U-boat and torpedoed an enemy cruiser" in the North Sea. Publication of the details of the submarine's adventures is expected to be made when she reaches port.

Prime Minister Chamberlain, answering a question in the Commons this afternoon, said he would like to give the name of the submarine commander credited with sinking the German submarine, but that this would enable the Germans to identify the craft.

He approved the action of the

commander in not sinking the liner Bremen when it was returning to Germany from Murmansk.

"It is clear," he said, "that the only possible action which the submarine could have taken to stop the Bremen would have been to torpedo her, and that would have been to do ourselves what we are denouncing the enemy for."

In the House of Lords criticism of the Admiralty for "weak statements" was expressed by Lord Strabolgi, Labor, who demanded details of the submarine attack on the German cruiser and submarine.

Outside Parliament, observers presumed the British submarine, which did not sink the Bremen because of Britain's "strict observance of the civility of the seas," had remained in the northern zone and there found her prey.

FULL STORY ASKED

The submarine and the Bremen were still the subject of speculation in this morning's press.

Under the demand, "More details, please," the Daily Mirror produced a cartoon embodying the headline: "Navy allows Bremen to escape for reasons of international decency!" over the figure of Nelson in the Trafalgar Square column. Under it was



Commodore H. H. Harwood, as he looked when he visited Esquimalt in 1937.

British Destroyer Lost in Collision

LONDON (CP) — Loss of the destroyer Duchess, Prime Minister Chamberlain told the Commons today, was not a loss in action but "an accident which one must expect as almost inevitable under conditions of darkness" or black-out sealanes. The Duchess sank yesterday after a collision with another naval vessel. An Admiralty announcement said 122 men were missing.

"I am afraid it is another case where there has been heavy loss of life and the navy is suffering very severely," the Prime Minister said.

"The bulk of the burden of war at present is falling on the navy. They are doing their duty as they always do—they are suffering their losses but they also are preserving the safety of the country."

The Admiralty's statement said the other ship involved was not damaged. The second vessel was not identified.

Only one officer and 22 men were saved, the announcement said. The Duchess, one of about 200 such craft in the Royal Navy, was commanded by Lieut.-Commander R. C. H. White.

The Duchess was a warship of 1,375 tons in the Defender class and was completed January 24, 1933. She carried a normal complement of 145 men.

There were eight destroyers of the Duchess type launched in 1932 and 1933. All carried four 4.7-inch guns and smaller weapons and had a speed of 35 knots.

the quote: "International decency, my blind eye!"

BERLIN (AP) — The German high command admitted today that a Nazi cruiser had been damaged by "an underwater explosion," but said the vessel had succeeded in reaching port.

The communiqué did not elaborate on the torpedoing.

"During the past few days operations of naval forces occurred in the northern North Sea."

During the return trip there was an underwater explosion near one light cruiser. The damage was unimportant. The ship returned to a home harbor."

'We Must Safeguard Wheat and Grain' Harwood Said Here

Commodore Henry H. Harwood, O.B.E., commander of H.M.S. Exeter and hero of yesterday's naval engagement off the South American coast, made many friends when he was in Victoria aboard the Exeter in July, 1937.

He started his career with the British navy on H.M.S. Britannia in 1903, and later specialized in torpedo work. During the first Great War he served aboard H.M.S. Suttie, H.M.S. Royal Sovereign and torpedo officer of the staff of the commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean fleet, and after serving as executive officer on H.M.S. Cumberland, took command of H.M.S. Warwick and the ninth destroyer division in 1929.

In 1936 he was appointed commander-in-chief of the West Indies squadron, and it was in that capacity he came to Esquimalt harbor for 10 days in the summer of 1937.

At an official luncheon in the Empress Hotel on July 26 of that year, Commodore Harwood told assembled dignitaries something about the British navy.

It was the duty of the navy, he said, to keep the trade routes of the world open and denied to enemies, but it was the duty of other services to see that, when the navy escorted its trade into harbors, it was safeguarded.

It is interesting now to note that Commodore Harwood said: "Complete security therefore, can only be achieved when all of us, in co-operation, face facts and adopt modern methods, so that, say, wheat or meat is safeguarded right from the producer to the mouth of the consumer."

He was referring to the trade routes between South America and Great Britain, which he was guarding when his ships met the Admiral Graf Spee yesterday.

Britain gets a great deal of her meat and wheat from the Argentine.

"The British Empire, in its burning desire for peace has endeavored to produce it by disarmament and collective security. This, added to the financial depression, has held back expenditures and so restricted the steady progress of the navy's affairs. Luckily it does not cost to think and to plan," Commodore Harwood said.

"We of the British Empire have no object but peace, and it is indeed to look at the world as it has become. We of the British Empire have tried and tried again peace by disarmament, and we have tried and tried again peace by collective security, only to find our weakness has lessened our influence in the diplomatic councils of the world."

Canadian and British sailors in port today were interested in the sea battle of Montevideo. Many of the British boys know the seamen of H.M.S. Exeter, H.M.S. Achilles and H.M.S. Ajax, and were a little envious of the thrill that fell to their lot yesterday.

The Canadian sailors had met seamen from these three ships in the West Indies, fraternized ashore with them and engaged them in mimic warfare at sea. When Exeter was here two years ago they helped entertain her men.

A total of 2,626 men were engaged in the battle—926 on Graf Spee, 550 each on Ajax and Achilles and 600 on Exeter.

Ajax and Achilles are sister ships, of the Leander class, the

other three ships being Leander, Orion, which was in Esquimalt this year, and Neptune. Achilles is 530 feet in length, 55 feet in beam and has a draught of 16 feet. Ajax is 522 feet, by 55 by 15½.

CARRY AIRPLANES

Both have eight 6-inch guns, eight 4-inch anti-aircraft guns, four 3-pounders, 18 smaller guns and eight 21-inch (quadruple) torpedo tubes. The Achilles carries one plane and the Ajax two. Achilles was built by Cammell, Laird and Company on the Mersey and was completed in 1933; Ajax was built by Vickers-Armstrong and finished in 1935.

Exeter is the only ship of her class, her design being similar to H.M.S. York, which was in Esquimalt last year. She is 540 feet overall, with a beam of 58 feet and a draught of 17 feet. She has six 8-inch, 50 cal. guns, eight 4-inch AA., four 3-pounders, 14 smaller guns, six 21-inch torpedo tubes and two aircraft with two catapults. She was built in 1929 at Devonport.

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Britain Elated At Sea Battle

LONDON (CP) — Britons were elated today over news that one of Germany's three sea raiders had been shattered by British cruisers and chased from the south Atlantic sea lanes.

Enthusiasm spread through the nation with word that the three British cruisers had disabled the heavily-armed Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

Despite the customary black-out, crowds formed in the streets up to 3 a.m., to buy late news-papers with fuller details of the spectacular running fight between the Nazi raider and the cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, which ended in the Graf Spee seeking refuge in Montevideo, Uruguay.

British newspaper editorial comment, sharp yesterday over failure of a British submarine to attack the Bremen in the North Sea, praised the navy enthusiastically for its action in the south Atlantic.

(The British Admiralty announced the pocket battleship was the Admiral Scheer, previously reported as a raider in those waters, but the German minister who boarded the ship after it reached Montevideo said it was the Admiral Graf Spee, one of three almost identical pocket battleships of which the Deutschland is the third.)

The Admiralty issued a communiqué denying a Nazi charge that men aboard the Admiral Graf Spee had been wounded by gas.

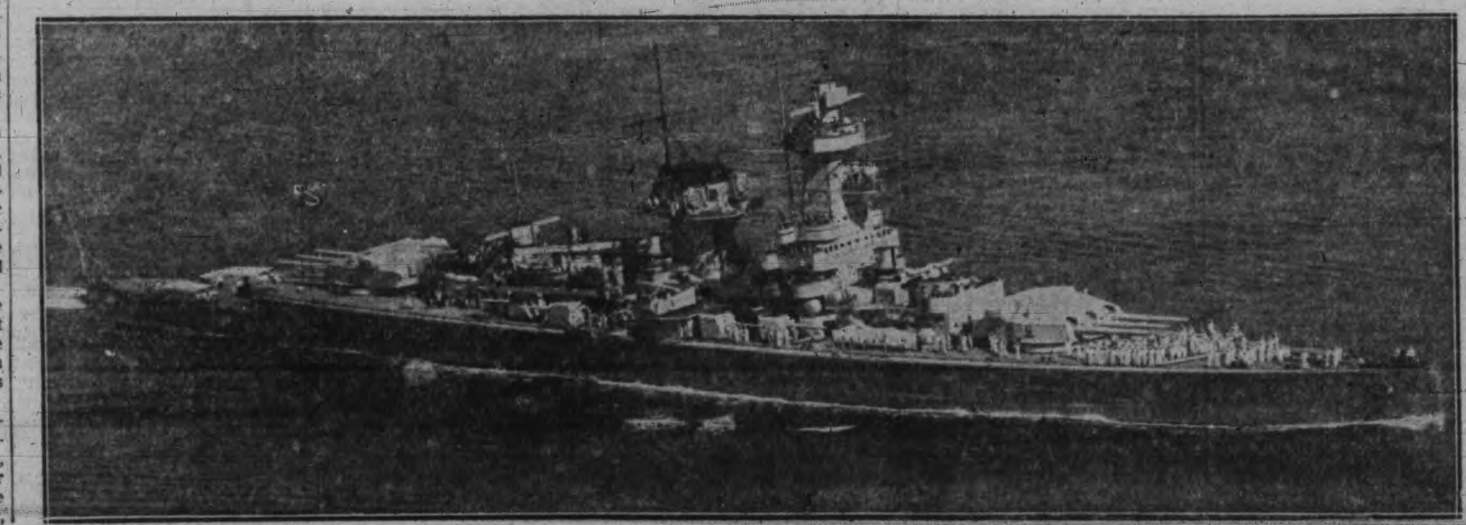
The communiqué said: "Press reports quote the German legation in Montevideo, as stating that casualties on board the Graf Spee were mostly caused because the British used mustard gas grenades."

"This allegation is entirely without foundation. No mustard gas grenades or shells ever have been made for or used by the Royal Navy."

(An associated Press dispatch from Montevideo had quoted the German minister as saying injured men on the German ship had complained that gas bombs affected their sight but did not specify the type of gas.)

Naval sources said the German pocket battleship had been changing its name frequently and that it was difficult to distinguish among the three sister ships of that type, the Admiral Graf Spee, Admiral Scheer and Deutschland.

Hitler's Hit-and-run Ship That Lost, the Admiral Graf Spee



Navy Boxing

Recruits In Fast Bouts

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

JUDGE LANDIS' trouble with his baseball family is that he would like to see the game restored to the independent owner. The baseball commissioner long has been against farm systems. He is against, for example, the St. Louis Cardinals controlling 400 or more players through 20 or more subsidiaries. He easily understands why the New York Yankees stand out in contrast to poorer major league outfits which cannot hope to match them in scouting and in developing talent, particularly when wealthier arrays have branches scattered throughout the country.

Judge Landis always has been for the player first, the minor league owner second and the major league owner third. They require help in that order, he reasons.

In the past his weapon against players being jockeyed around in the various chains too long was declaring them free agents. But now the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, which is the lengthy name of the minors, has passed rules which easily will enable chain store operators to abuse privileges they naturally have.

There are two sides to the story. Landis and many others believe individual ownership, civic pride, etc., is the healthier plan. Chain store operators contend that without major league assistance not one club below "A" classification would finish the season, and that not a few of those above would have a tough time.

There were only 11 minor leagues when the majors decided to go into the farm business on a large scale at the height of the depression in 1932. There are now 41 minor leagues.

The comparatively few remaining independent owners complain about having to pay \$7,500 for major league castoffs when the brightest of their stars can be drafted for that amount after four years. What chance has an independent "A" owner against a club in his league which is controlled by a major league power and which can graduate the noble athletes through loops of lower classification?

Australia is anxious to know, as soon as possible, whether the Davis Cup, which she won this year, will be competed for next year. As the holding nation, Australia now becomes manager of the Davis Cup competition and would have to appoint representatives to manage the European and American zones. Davis Cup challenges have to be in the hands of the champion nation not later than January 31. The draw is usually made on February 3.

The question whether the competition should be suspended for the duration of the war was discussed at a meeting of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, and it was decided that its representative in London should ascertain immediately from the International Lawn Tennis Federation what action is to be taken. Although the war makes Australia's position difficult in regard to the Davis Cup, it is not reasonable to assume that she has the right to claim "no contest" next year.

A large number of the competing nations, including the United States, are not at war and they would have grounds for complaint. Of the 27 nations who entered this year, 18 are not involved in the war. The position is different from that in 1914, when all the contenders except the United States were fighting. The question the Australian Association has to answer, should the competition be held, is whether she should forfeit the trophy. In any case, Australia would be in a difficult position, since John Bromwich and Adrian Quist, the two players responsible for her success this year, would probably be on military service.

Action was the keynote of the boxing bouts staged in the drill hall at the Royal Canadian Naval Barracks yesterday for members of classes F and G, recruits who have been in service since July 31. Contenders in all the five divisions were novices but what they lacked in experience they made up for in keenness.

With a large number of their fellow recruits present to cheer them on, the young fighters put on an interesting show. They were all willing to get in and mix things and as a result there was not a dull moment during the two-hour show.

Most promising fighter on the card was Taylor, winner of the light heavyweight title. After knocking out McPherson with a flurry of right crosses in the first round of his semifinal bout, he put away Jones in the third round of the final. Using a nice right cross and a straight jabbing left, Taylor had Jones down three times in the second round.

LOTS OF PUNCHES

For throwing of punches and speed, the lightweight final between Maple and Mitchell proved the pick. These two little fellows really got in there and threw lefts and rights for the three rounds, with Maple scoring a popular victory.

Welterweight crown went to Perkins with a three-round decision over Cameron. These two boys were willing mixers and lots of punches were thrown. Cameron substituted for Jones, semifinal winner who suffered an injured hand. Drawing blood from his opponent's nose in the third and final round, Neil won the decision from Dallen in the middleweight final.

Heavyweight crown went to Mogenson by a decision over Poulton. The winner scored a knockdown in the third round. Both lads were plenty tired in the final round and although they tried hard did little damage to each other.

All bouts were over three rounds and were held under inter-service rules, which calls for the referee outside of the ropes. Officials for the bouts were as follows: Referee, Lieut. Comdr. Kingscote, R.N.; judges, Lieut. Stairs, R.C.N.V.R.; Comdr. Wurtele, R.C.N.; Lieut. Comdr. Donaldson, R.C.N.V.R.; Lieut. Dykes, R.C.N.V.R.; timekeepers, P.O. Smith and P.O. McKeever; master of ceremonies, C.P.O. MacDonald.

Results of the semifinal bouts follow:

Lightweight—Maple decided Hine; Mitchell decided McPherson.

Welterweight—Jones decided Cameron; Perkins knocked out Hodge in first round. Middleweight—Dallen decided Bennett; Neil decided Elford. Light heavyweight—Taylor knocked out McPherson in first round; Jones decided Coe. Heavyweight—Mogenson decided McQuarrie; Poulton decided Jones.

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE WIN
Wednesday League soccer players scored a 6 to 5 victory over the Royal Navy eleven in an exhibition match played at the Athletic Park yesterday afternoon. It was a keenly-fought game, with the winners leading 3 to 2 at half time.

PRAIRIE HOCKEY
Lethbridge 2, Coleman 0.
Calgary 5, Drumheller 1.

Racing Results

TANFORAN—Results of horse racing here yesterday follow:
First race—Six furlongs:
H. Kid (Weldman) \$12.80 6.40 4.40
B. Kid (Weldman) 15.80 8.20 5.20
Valencia (A. Smith) 21.20
Time, 1.17. Also ran: Seashade, Alfrede, C. Clapper, Bryr, Seaside, Man, Rough Crossing, Tacita, Bonnie Andrew, Westree.

Second race—Six furlongs:
Baranca (White) \$13.30 7.00 4.40
Jimmie (Sewer) (Doddson) 10.30 5.20 3.20
The Flower (Dew) 15.20
Time, 1.16. Also ran: Little Lad, Bonmont, Dancing Pirate, Berenda, Annoyed, Zorle Boy, Rock Pan, Cloud Dor.

Third race—Mile and a sixteenth:
Herondas (Doddson) \$47.00 \$14.40 \$8.00
Pill Tilt (Neves) 4.30 3.80
Sun X (Collins) 20.80
Time, 1.51 2/5. Also ran: Diane, Rochester Boy, Matelot, Iron Princess, May Mule, Laura's Pride, Shasta Lark, Jungle Shark, Orion.

Fourth race—Mile and a sixteenth:
My Universe (Taylor) \$8.40 \$4.40 \$3.20
Blackpool (Dew) 6.20 4.30
Hurrigal (Adams) 2.50
Time, 1.50 2/5. Also ran: Rita C. Achi, nola, Roseve, Jazalongo, Stokely, Vain Jester, Black Hawk, Little Erie, Valinda Roque.

Fifth race—Mile and a sixteenth:
Invincible (Knapp) \$17.20 \$7.20 \$5.00
Cross S. (Chapack) 5.80 4.00
Pink Bird (Wagner) 10.00
Time, 1.50 2/5. Also ran: Lou Machado, Just Mrs. Shasta Backet, The White, Tomlin, Y. Y. Jones, Valerie Joan, Abdiator, Sweet Betty.

Sixth race—Mile and a sixteenth:
Apprentice (Neves) 7.40 5.40
Michalinos (Taylor) 4.80 \$1.80 \$2.40
Time, 1.51 4/5. Also ran: Escalante, Panaway, Victor, Autumn Color, Her Gie, Broadway, Rocky, Contributor, Judge Pan, Hunterdon.

Seventh race—Mile and a sixteenth:
Joe (Pillman) \$4.80 \$2.80 \$2.40
Master (Schrier) 5.80 2.80
Time, 1.50 2/5. Also ran: She Did, Papete, Broadwin, Sky Empress.

Eighth race—Mile and a half:
Crystal Chief (Knapp) \$30.40 \$8.30 \$6.00
Brilliant Light (Wagner) 5.30 4.40
Time, 1.39 3/4. Also ran: Cedar Dor, Blimey, Baby Joe, Swift-Gal, Anoway, Truf, Mr. Fish, Holster, Ila Own.



HOSTAK SCORES QUICK KNOCKOUT—Eric Seelig, veteran New York middleweight, is seen on the canvas 1 minute and 20 seconds after the start of his championship fight with Seattle's Al Hostak at Cleveland on Monday night. Hostak holds National Boxing Association recognition as world champion.

Basketball

Cammaranos Coming

Victoria Dominos will engage in their fourth international basketball clash at the Willows Sports Centre on Saturday night when they tangle with Cammaranos of the Seattle Community League. Play will start at 9.

Right up with the leaders in the fast Sound City circuit, Cammaranos will be tough competition for the local champions to hurdle. Managed by Rocky Moore, veteran Seattle eager, the visitors' line-up will include the following players: Don Bourke, Harry Johnson, Jack Meyers, Bob Milroy, Henry Kush, Jack Wyatt, Les Larsen and John Olsen. Larsen is reported to pack one of the finest shots in the Seattle loop.

In their three games to date the Dominos have won two and lost one. After defeating Seattle Eyre Transfer and Home Undertakers, the locals went down, to defeat last Saturday at the hands of Mt. Vernon Parkers.

SEEK REINSTATEMENT

VANCOUVER (CP)—Officials of the British Columbia Amateur Basketball Association said last night Victoria Dominos had applied for reinstatement in the association and a decision in their case will be made tomorrow night.

Dominos withdrew from the Victoria and District League several weeks ago after a dispute over playing floors and subsequently were outlawed by the B.C.A.B.A. after they arranged for a series of games with Seattle teams without permission of the association.

Officers of the B.C.A.B.A. said Dominos' request for reinstatement was accompanied with a request that the application be forwarded to the Victoria and District League.

WRESTLING

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—Ed. Don George, 234, North Java, N.Y., and Joe Savoldi, 222, Three Oaks, Mich., drew.

BOSTON—Bobby Managoff, 230, Chicago, defeated Leo Numa, 225, Seattle, straight falls.

Ambers Leading Comeback of Year

NEW YORK (AP)—After considerable wrangling in the ballot box, the sport experts of the United States decided today that Lou Ambers' punches: paraded just a little bit farther along the comeback trail in 1939 than old Lefty Mose Grove's "dead soup-bone."

Two-ton Tony Galento also figured in a three-cornered battle of votes in the Associated Press' ninth annual poll for the leading comeback of the year by an individual. Yet, while these three led the list, the 73 voting experts could not get together on any one comebacker who stood head and shoulders above all the others. Altogether 67 athletes were nominated.

The voters were asked to name their choices for first, second and third places, with ballots counting three, two and one points, respectively. On this basis, Ambers, who exploded the fistic

Basketball

Marquart Gets His Big Chance

NEW YORK (CP)—Billy Marquart today sharpened up a whistling left hook with which he hopes to blast the last obstacle out of his way on his march for a spring time match with lightweight champion Lou Ambers.

Tomorrow night the young Winnipegger, who made a sensational debut here with a five-round kayo over Billy Beauhold of New Jersey, steps into the ring in Madison Square Garden against Lee Jenkins of Sweetwater, Texas, also a pretender to the throne.

The reward to the winner, promoter Mike Jacobs has promised, will be a crack at Ambers in February or March.

To Marquart, who has won 32 out of his 38 professional starts, Jenkins is just another fighter—a good one.

"I think they're all good until I have them licked," he said. "That way I don't make any mistakes."

Three years ago when Marquart carried the Canadian threat into the quarter finals at the Olympic Games his left hand was just something to catch right leads on. Today Marquart packs most of his murder in his port-side weapon.

League Basketball Saturday Evening

Teams of the Victoria and District Basketball League will engage in three games at the Y.M.C.A. gym on Saturday evening. Starting at 7 Barons and Caveys are matched in the intermediate A boys division. This will be followed by an engagement between the Cardinals and Palm Dairy, women's clubs. In the final exhibition Chinese Students will battle West Road.

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Owing to the fact the Navy will be unable to field a team the English rugby match scheduled for New Year's Day between the Army and Navy has been called off. It was announced today by officials of the Victoria Rugby Union.

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Little Larks strengthened their hold on the first berth of the second division table tennis race last night at the Crystal Garden with a 22 to 14 win over Royal Arcanums. It was Larks' eighth straight win.

Last season's titleholding Sylvester U Drive kept right on the heels of the Larks through their 20 to 16 triumph over the Aces. Scores follow:

Little Larks—Singles: W. Prior 7, D. Elworthy 4, D. Campbell 4, W. McGregor 4. Doubles: W. Prior and D. Elworthy 1, D. Campbell and W. McGregor 2.

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Sylvester U Drive—Singles: A. Seed 4, E. Seed 6, Stewart 1, W. Erickson 5. Doubles: A. and E. Seed 2, T. Kay and W. Erickson 2. Aces—Singles: B. Shade 4, Miss B. Shade 5, Gagliardi 4, T. Crombie 4. Doubles: B. Shade and Miss B. Shade 0, Gagliardi and T. Crombie 0.

BASKETBALL AT WEST ROAD HALL

A pair of basketball games will be played at the West Road Hall tomorrow evening at 7.45. Dancing will follow the games.

Bob Whyte's Adverts will play the West Road girls in the opener, to be followed an hour later by a tilt between West Road senior B men and Knapp's Nursery.

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Vancouver Reps Lose Hump Payne

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vancouver Reps English rugby squad will be without the services of their star forward and captain, Hump Payne, when they visit Victoria on December 26 to play Victoria Reps in a McKee Cup series game.

A piece of lumber fell on Payne's foot, crushing it badly, while he was working on the waterfront here yesterday. He will be unable to play again for about six weeks.

Selection of Vancouver's Rep team will be made at the end of this week, probably on Sunday.

BOXING
NEW YORK—Arthur Darrell, 143, Dallas, stopped Gilbert Basquez, 144, Lima, Peru (2).

NEW YORK—Andy Holland, 161, New York, outpointed Irish Tommy McHale, 158, Astoria, Long Island (6).

ALBANY—Pete Koloff, 144, New York, outpointed Billy Furrow, 144, Syracuse (6).

Boston and Toronto In Battle for Hockey Lead

Revellers Hold Closing Banquet

The Victoria Revellers Canadian football team wound up their first season of play with a bang-up banquet in Terry's dining-room last evening presented for the players and team officials by the Victoria Revellers' Service Club, sponsors of the squad.

Tommy Stevenson, president of the Revellers' Club, was in the chair. He opened the evening with a welcome to all present, and said that the club "is behind the team 100 per cent."

"We realize the difficulties that you have encountered in this first year of play," Tommy said, "and the showing that you made, we think, was really great."

The genial president then presented Geo. Deacon, coach of the team, with a handsome traveling bag in appreciation for the work that he had done in the past season. He spoke of Deacon's great ability as a coach.

In receiving the presentation Deacon said that he certainly appreciated the gesture. It was a pleasure to work with such a fine group of fellows, he said.

Other presentations followed. Doug Lawford, captain of the team, presented assistant manager Ted Scroggs with a gift, and Benny McMillan, manager, made a presentation to J. Spellman, caretaker at Macdonald Park, for his co-operation in training sessions and league games. Bobby Van Horn, club trainer, also received a presentation from McMillan on behalf of the club.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Coach Deacon announced that Dave Jenkins, middle winger of the team, had been voted the most valuable player to the team during the season. He mentioned the value of other players on the team, and also praised the Revellers' Club and team official for their work in reviving the game for Victoria sports followers.

"Canadian football is the best game there is," he said, and concluded with the announcement that next season's training for the team would commence early in April.

Entertainment was provided by Benny McMillan and Bob Van Horn under the heading of "story-tellers"; Sid Anderson and Jack Grogan, sang several selections, and Jack MacDonald, husky lineman, let himself go in a dance that climaxed the evening. Ted Scroggs presided at the piano.

TO PLAN TROOPS' ENTERTAINMENTS

A meeting of representatives of various local organizations who are members of the Victoria council for the co-ordination of auxiliary wartime services under the direction of the Department of National Defence will be held Monday night at 8 to organize a program of entertainment for troops stationed here on active service. It will be held in the Metropolitan Building, Courtney and Government Streets.

The meeting was arranged at a committee meeting last night in the Royal Trust Building under the chairmanship of Captain Hobart Molson, representative of Brigadier W. W. Foster, national director of Auxiliary Services, in Victoria. Also present was Captain Victor MacLean, Brig. Foster's representative in the province.

British Wrestler On Card Saturday

Having represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games and a well-known lightweight all-wrestler in the Old Country, Eddie Morgan will appear on the professional card to be promoted by Rocky Brooks at the Army and Navy auditorium Saturday night.

Morgan has been matched with Reg. Hopkins, clever local grappler, and an interesting bout is expected. Morgan will enter the ring at 150 pounds and Hopkins five pounds lighter. The bout is scheduled for five six-minute rounds or best of three falls.

First bout will start at 8.30.

Veterans' Children To Be Entertained

The Pro Patria Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., will hold its annual Christmas tree party for members' children in the Foresters' Hall, Cormorant Street, December 19, between 2 and 6 in the afternoon. The date was set at a meeting held Tuesday night.

Thanks from members of the P.P.C.L.I. for the branch's gift of cigarettes prior to their departure, was contained in a letter.

The meeting decided to entertain a large number of visiting British sailors at dinner during the Christmas season, the date to be fixed later.

The annual reunion of branch members will take place January 4. Ten new members were welcomed to the membership.

LONDON—Edwin Drood, the mystery story Charles Dickens left unfinished when he died in 1870, has had more than 450 conclusions written for it, which have been gathered together by the Dickens Fellowship.

Hockey Standings

N.H.L.	W.	L.	D.	T.	A.	P.
Toronto	7	3	2	34	21	16
Boston	7	4	2	27	26	14
Canadiens	6	4	2	27	26	14
Rangers	4	3	5	26	18	13
Chicago	4	5	1	26	40	12
Detroit	4	9	1	25	43	9
Americans	4	9	1	26	34	9

Automatic Fines In Major Hockey

NEW YORK (CP)—The board of governors of the National Hockey League yesterday adopted a new rule providing for an automatic fine of \$25 for players, \$50 for coaches and \$100 for managers who leave the bench to mix in any arguments on the ice—verbal or fistic.

The expected fireworks about referees failed to materialize. Before the meeting President Frank Calder indicated there would be some discussion on an incident involving James Norris Sr., owner of the Detroit Red Wings, and Referee Bill Stewart.

The incident occurred at Chicago and according to reports Norris, seated at the rinkside, challenged several of Stewart's decisions and threatened to have him removed from the league's referee roster. However, Norris, himself a governor, was present at the meeting and failed to make any complaint against the referee.

Explaining Stewart's absence from recent games, President Calder produced a medical report showing Stewart had suffered injuries to his right hand and hip during a recent game. He will return to duty within a week or so, Calder said.

NEW STYLE STICK

The governors also permitted trial use of a new-type stick, which combines a wooden handle, steel tube shaft and wooden blade. The stick is sponsored by Manager Art Ross of Boston Bruins, who introduced the steel-mesh-covered boot last season and the circular nets some time ago. The boot proved unsatisfactory.

The governors discussed a protest by Connie Smythe, manager of Toronto Maple Leafs, against the recent granting of an International-American League franchise for a Buffalo team to a corporation headed by S. Edgar Danahy, who operated the old Buffalo club.

Smythe's protest was turned over to Calder for further action and will be discussed again at the governor's meeting here January 10. The governors also instructed Calder to examine the broadcasting field to formulate a policy for the league covering broadcasts of N.H.L. games.

SEATTLE BLANKS PORTLAND CLUB

SEATTLE (CP)—A look at the records discloses that the combination 2 to 0 has had a lot to do with the meetings of the Portland Buckaroos and the Seattle Sea Hawks in the Coast Hockey League this year.

And last night was no exception as the Hawks rose out of their cellar position long enough to trip the Bucks by that score. It was the fourth time in five starts this season that the teams have ended up with a 2 to 0 score, each team having won twice.

Those who believe in cycles might call the turn for Portland when the teams meet in the Oregon city tonight.

SUMMARY

First Period—1, Seattle, Ripley (King) 10.00. Penalty: Martin.

Second Period—No scoring. Penalty: Downie.

Third Period—2, Seattle, Downie (Ripley, King) 16.54. Penalties: Conn, Daley.

GOODWINS CHEATED

DEAL, England—Twice in one day, Deal boatmen won races with treacherous winds when they pulled disabled yachts from the dangerous Goodwin Sands near here. One yacht was within 20 yards of a sandbar.

Bruins Will Be Without Three Stars

Boston Bruins, who still have to show Toronto hockey fans why they should be tied atop the National League with Toronto's Maple Leafs, are in no soft spot to do it tonight.

When the clubs first met this season, the Leafs whipped the Bruins 5 to 0 at Toronto in a one-sided game as the young campaign has pigged. Since then, treated by the mysterious ministrations of Trainer Win Green and aided sometimes by Eddie Shore on the defence, the Bruins have climbed into a first-place tie with Toronto.

It doesn't add up for the Toronto customers, who thought the Bruins must have fallen apart after their Stanley Cup conquest of 1938-39.

To make more difficult Boston's task of showing the doubters something, three stars will be missing from the Bruin line-up for the engagement with the Leafs at Toronto tonight.

Under obligation to play only in home games, will be out of course. Two of last season's greatest rookies, Roy Conacher and Jack Crawford, will sit it out through injuries.

AMERKS SHOW WAY

But New York Americans have given a shining example to the rest of the league of what a team can do on crutches. If the Americans can get by with 11 players, as they did against Detroit on a recent night, the Bruins by all the records should be able to put up a battle with Frankie Brimsek in goal, one man to poke-check and Manager Art Ross to shout from the sidelines.

As it is, Red Hamill will be up from the Hershey farm club to replace Conacher, who suffered a broken wrist Tuesday night while the Bruins were ascending to the top by defeating Detroit. That leaves the Bears as aggressive as ever, even if Hamill isn't so polished as the sure-shooting Conacher.

While the Leafs and Bruins are struggling for possession of the top, the Americans and Detroit will be trying to break their last-place tie. At Montreal the Americans will tackle the Canadiens, who will be expected to return to their winning ways after a rest that ended two consecutive defeats—Detroit's sinking Red Wings will tackle the Rangers at New York.

WRESTLING

Army & Navy Gym
Corner Broughton and Wharf
SATURDAY—8.30 P.M.
EARLE MCCREADY
vs.
DR. BARTO HILL
Eight 10-minute rounds
GEORGE WILSON
vs.
LEE HENNING
Five 10-minute rounds
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Press Search For Gunman

Police of Greater Victoria today were engaged in a search for the armed thief who last night held up and robbed a Vancouver Island Coach Lines driver and fired a shot which grazed the driver's arm.

The driver was Edwin Mulholland, 2584 Graham Street, who told Saanich police the thief took \$4 and the cashbox while he was parked at the terminus of the Douglas-Agnes line at Carey Road and Agnes Avenue last night at 10.20.

"I had just turned the bus around into position to start back to town when the man approached me from the rear of the bus," Mulholland said. "He walked up to the door and I thought he was a passenger. I opened the door."

"He stepped in and said 'Give me your money.' I didn't answer immediately and he fired a shot which grazed my right arm. He said 'Come on, give me your money. I'm not fooling.'"

"I handed him several 50-cent pieces from my pocket then he took the cash box and left."

Mulholland said the man was not disguised and did not wear a mask. The bullet from the gun was found on the floor of the bus and was described as one fired from a .32 calibre revolver.

A small tear on Mulholland's sleeve showed where the bullet grazed his arm.

Sergeant Eric Elwell and Constable C. F. Pearce handled the investigation today and spent the morning with Mulholland going over photographs among city police records.

"Towards a New Order" is the title of a lecture to be given on Friday evening at 8 in the auditorium of St. Ann's Academy. The speaker, Robert Fay, editor of the Social Forum, Ottawa, is visiting Victoria at the invitation of the Catholic Youth Organization, St. Andrew's Cathedral Chapter. Mr. Fay is now touring the United States and Canada lecturing in the leading cities.



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TOWN TOPICS

James Harvey was sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment when he pleaded guilty to a vagrancy charge in the City Police Court this morning.

Thieves entered the Public Library last night and ransacked office drawers but took nothing, according to a city police report. The premises were found open by Constable Charles Webb.

Victoria Dickens Fellowship will meet in the clubrooms, 301 Union Bldg., Monday evening at 8. The meeting will take the form of a Christmas party in charge of Mrs. M. M. Beasley and Mrs. M. J. Peacey.

Bank clearings in Victoria for the week ending today were \$1,648,764 in comparison with \$1,517,826 for the corresponding period of last year, according to figures released by the Victoria Clearing-House.

J. Davis, otherwise John B. Templeton, was charged in the City Police Court this morning with obtaining \$37.50 from Robert W. Watson by false pretenses. He was remanded until Saturday morning.

An application for leave to adduce new evidence in the case of Roy vs. Woodcock was made to Mr. Justice Robertson in Supreme Court Chambers today by defendant's counsel. The hearing is scheduled to proceed tomorrow morning.

The City Welfare Department is appealing for a cook stove, a heater, a kitchen table and chairs, pots and pans for several families who are urgently in need of such necessities. On a telephone call to G 8104, donations will be called for.

The treasurer of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society acknowledges receipt of the following amounts: Victoria Police Mutual Benefit Association, \$150, part-proceeds of the recently held police ball. The Gillespie Grain Co. Ltd., \$50, per J. Burden.

Members of the Victoria Girl's Drill Team will hold a party in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium this evening at 8 to wind up a year of much activity. Duncan MacBride, president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, will attend and present prizes won by girls for smartness and attendance.

Last evening at the Dominion Hotel 18 members of the Victoria Purty Stores met at their annual yearly banquet. G. G. Green, local manager of W. H. Malkin Company, acted as chairman, and the speakers for the evening were J. S. Thomson and J. T. Elliot. Mr. Thomson, who has recently arrived from Winnipeg, outlined some very interesting facts about the grocery business. Mr. Elliot, who supervises the Purty Stores in Vancouver, spoke briefly on conditions in Vancouver.

Mrs. A. Lockley, wife of Reeve Alex Lockley, and school trustee Mrs. S. King opened the Lampson Street School bazaar yesterday afternoon. The stalls, containing home cooking, gifts, candies, dolls, sewing, fruits and vegetables, and other attractions, were open during part of the afternoon and during the evening. Games were played and a moving picture was shown as added entertainment. Afternoon tea was served by the girls of the school to visiting parents and friends. Proceeds will go partly to the school fund and partly to charity.

Small Vote in City Election

Rain today washed out any remote chance of a heavy vote as Victoria electors went to the polls in the Market Building to choose five aldermen from a field of nine, and four school trustees from a list of five.

Inclement weather, following one of the quietest campaigns in recent history, greatly curtailed the number who were marking ballots. At 11 in the forenoon only 501 votes had been cast, against 800 at the same hour last year. By noon the number this year had been increased to approximately 600 and another 100 exercised the franchise during the ensuing hour.

By tacit agreement candidates for office absented themselves from the polling station, leaving the aisles unencumbered by the glad-handers of other years. There was no legal requirement preventing candidates from making a last visual appeal for support in the Market Building, but the policy laid down by the City Council was followed generally.

First ballots were marked by John Pilgrim, 742 Johnson Street, and Mrs. Alice McGregor, aldermanic candidate. Alderman and Mrs. S. H. Okell were in the race for the distinction of recording the first vote, but Mrs. Okell lost out when she was required to wait for Mr. Pilgrim to vacate the booth.

There was a possibility the official recount might be completed this evening, but it was more probable that check would be undertaken in the City Council chamber tomorrow.

OTHER CENTRES

Voters in other cities and towns in British Columbia went to the polls today to elect civic officials for 1940.

Voting in eight others was made unnecessary through officials being elected by acclamation. Voters in municipalities will cast their ballots Saturday.

A fairly heavy vote was expected in New Westminster, despite lack of a mayoralty contest. Eight mayoralty contests are taking place while in all other points the voting is to decide aldermen and members of the school, parks and other boards.

Mayoralty contests are taking place in Courtenay, Duncan, Enlbury, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Nelson, Prince George and Vernon.

Nanaimo's mayoralty battle is between the present incumbent, Mayor V. B. Harrison, and John Barsby.

Soldiers' Wills Under Review

The position of men on active service, particularly legal infants, under the provincial Wills Act was studied by Mr. Justice H. B. Robertson today, following an application made before him by D. P. W. Maunsell in Supreme Court Chambers.

The case evolved disposition of certain properties formerly owned by a soldier in the last war. It came to notice today with discovery of holdings which required the will to be proved. The soldier in the case had drawn a will while an infant, under the age of 21. But under existing regulations, Mr. Maunsell stated, infants could not order disposal of an estate.

The matter, counsel stated, had been subject to action by the British Parliament in 1918 following question raised by an English judge. Legislation covering the point had been passed by the British House but no similar laws had been laid down in British Columbia, he added.

"It is a very interesting point and one that is likely to arise repeatedly during the war," Mr. Justice Robertson stated as he reserved judgment on the application.

When he expressed a desire to study the act, Mr. Maunsell suggested he might also consider the effect of verbal wills made by soldiers. Under existing laws here a soldier may dispose of his estate by word or mouth which, if proved, can revoke any previously written will.

Such a condition, counsel noted, might leave younger soldiers the victims of parasites who might claim successfully settlements to which they were not entitled.

Next Monday was set as a peremptory date for trial of Mrs. Ruth Caird on a charge of using a forged cheque as though it were genuine, when she appeared on remand in the City Police Court this morning.

A car driven by Travers Custance, Rodd Hill, was damaged in an accident early this morning at Government Street and Princess Avenue, according to a city police report. Mr. Custance told police he was turning from Government on to Princess Avenue and mistook the turn in the heavy, driving rain. Neither Mr. Custance nor William Cross, Rodd Hill, were reported injured.

Stockwell Succeeds Stewart As D.O.C.

Brigadier C. V. Stockwell has been appointed district officer commanding at Work Point Military Barracks, to succeed Brigadier J. C. Stewart who is going overseas as officer commanding Royal Canadian Artillery, of the first Canadian overseas division, according to announcement made in Ottawa this morning by Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of National Defence.

Lieut.-Col. C. E. Connolly, who has been stationed at Work Point in recent years, has been appointed commanding officer of Military District No. 13 at Calgary, with the rank of colonel, temporary brigadier.

Major-General E. C. Ashton, formerly officer commanding at Work Point, has been named inspector-general of the military forces of Canada and Brigadier-General T. L. Tremblay has been appointed inspector-general of the militia and Canadian Active Service Force units for eastern Canada.

Brigadier Stewart, in his new position, succeeds Brigadier Stockwell, who originally had been named commander of the artillery of the first division. Col. Stockwell will arrive here December 20.

Col. Connolly has been assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general at Work Point and in Calgary will succeed Brigadier G. R. Peakes, formerly of Victoria, who is going overseas as commander of the 2nd Infantry Brigade.

Major Jerry Preston, R.C.A., has been appointed general staff officer, Grade 1, Work Point, to succeed Col. G. R. Turner who is going overseas.

Brigadier Stewart, who has been one of the most popular commanding officers in the history of Work Point, was born in Kingston, Ontario, February 17, 1891, and after attending public school there entered Royal Military College. He served in the ranks with the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment from 1904 to 1908 and graduated from the college in 1911. He served with the Canadian Artillery throughout the 1914-18 war and received promotion to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel as commander of the 8th Field Brigade, C.F.A.

He was wounded in France and three times mentioned in dispatches, being awarded the Distinguished Service Order; 1914-15 star, British War Medal, and the Victory Medal.

Oak Bay to Hold Annual Meeting

Oak Bay's annual public meeting will be held this evening at 8 in the Municipal Hall, when reports will be submitted by the various departments.

Reeve R. Taylor will lead off with his annual report, to be followed by the reports from the chairman of the finance and public works committees, the fire, police and school boards. The reeve will conclude the speech-making.

City Hall Topics

Sergeant Arthur S. Bishop was elected president of the Civic Employees' Federation of Greater Victoria at annual meeting Tuesday night. F. L. Shaw was chosen vice-president and T. G. Harris was returned as secretary-treasurer. The three with A. Murray, A. Fraser, S. McKenzie, Miss J. Porter, Miss I. Routledge, J. Lusse, J. Crowther, A. C. George and J. McLeod compose the executive committee. The business meeting was followed by a showing of films of South Africa, South America and Europe by H. J. Penderay.

Zack's Ltd., Vancouver, dyers and cleaners represented in Victoria by the Cut Rate Cleaners and Dyers, have made written application to appear before the City Council before action is taken to increase license fees assessed against firms taking work in Victoria but sending it outside to be done.

Improved water pressure is sought in a letter from Manning Lumber Mills Ltd., received at the City Hall today.

In view of the fact the two former owners, Col. Miles Courage and Col. A. H. Russell, are now engaged in war-work, their agents here have asked the city for an extension in time in which to redeem premises at the corner of Douglas and Courtney Streets sold at last year's tax sale. The premises, formerly known as the Veterans of France, were bought in 1912 for \$160,000 and at one time housed the Union Club.

Hubert Chester Good of Qualicum Beach was appointed a notary public by government order today.



BRIGADIER J. C. STEWART



MAJ.-GEN. E. C. ASHTON

Doukhobor Land Study Started

Investigation of the Doukhobor land problem in the Kootenay district has already been commenced, it was learned today by Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald of the Supreme Court, who was appointed a special commissioner by act of the Legislature last month.

Mr. Justice McDonald has been instructed to go fully into all the agreements under which Doukhobors got their lands, and to work out a solution of the deadlock reached when the Sun Life Assurance Company attempted to dispossess the Doukhobors for nonpayment of a mortgage.

The commission is now in the Kootenay area to make a first hand study of the situation.

Attorney-General Wismer said today he believes a solution satisfactory to all parties concerned can be reached.

The proposal as outlined to the Legislature was for the commission to see that the interests of the Sun Life and the National Trust Company, which also holds debts against the land, should be protected, and lands turned back to the Doukhobors on individual agreements.

Previously the land was held on a communal basis.

November Fire Losses Decrease

City fire losses last month showed a decrease over November, 1938, but the year's losses are considerably higher than last year, according to fire department statistics from Chief Alex Munroe.

The loss last month was \$736.45 in 29 alarms. Over \$9,000,000 worth of property was at risk, however. The total loss for the year to date is \$26,155, of which only \$8,591 was not insured.

Last November the loss was \$1,310 and the 11-month total was \$23,748.

A municipal airport for the town of Prince George was overshadowed today by a government order reserving 160 acres near the town for that purpose.

Vote Stan Okell for Alderman.

In Police Court

Henry Guilty Of Beer Selling

Knud Henry was convicted in the City Police Court this morning on a charge of unlawfully selling beer and was remanded until tomorrow for sentence after he pleaded guilty to a previous conviction in 1928.

P. J. Sinnott, defence counsel, requested the remand when he told the court the case would be taken to appeal, and he wished to arrange for continuance of bail in the County Court.

Certain facts of the case were undisputed, and the only point at issue appeared to be whether Constable George Clayards had paid for the beer, or whether Henry had given it to him, said Magistrate Hall in passing judgment.

He could see no reason why the constable should swear he purchased the beer if it had been given him as a gift since it would be no reflection on the constable if he had been unable to secure the evidence of the sale of beer. The accused had stated the reason he gave Clayards the beer was because he had given beer to him before, but the court could not see this reasoning. As far as evidence of his knowing Clayards and knowing he was a public officer, the magistrate said it was Henry's duty as a citizen to report to proper authorities if he had given liquor to Clayards before.

Fined \$100 on Liquor Charges

On charges arising out of persons having a quantity of beer in the Hong Kong Cafe in Chinatown, Lem Young, Chinese, and John Chilton were each fined \$50 by Magistrate Hall in the City Police Court this morning.

Lem was charged as keeper of the premises and Chilton as being the person in charge, who suffered persons to have liquor in the premises.

The charges were the result of a raid by Sgt. Roy Woolsey and Constable Arthur Rudge, in which half a dozen bottles of beer and glasses containing beer were found in a booth.

BONDSMEN ARE GIVEN RELEASE

Bondsmen who posted bail of \$1,000 for Jack Thompson, charged with unlawful sale of beer, were released from their obligations this morning after application to Magistrate Hall in the City Police Court.

Yesterday a bench warrant was issued for Thompson's arrest when he failed to appear on remand. When the warrant was served he was found to be ill and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital under guard.

Under usual procedure bail estrangement would follow non-appearance, but under the circumstances of this case, C. L. Harrison, prosecutor, agreed he would not press for forfeiture.

The court warned the bondsmen they should consider seriously in the future before they posted bail, as it was tantamount to signing a note for a man, and they were held responsible for his appearance.

B.C.E.R. Employees' Christmas Party

The B.C. Electric Office Employees' Association were hosts at a jolly Christmas party last night at the Royal Oak Inn. Between 90 and 100 members and their friends attended the party, which was arranged by a committee headed by Austin Goward, and including Miss Audrey Jaques, Miss Margaret Codd and Jack Woodley.

The inn presented a gay scene with seasonal decorations, a large tree, sparkling with lights and tinsel, from which Santa Claus gave out presents to everyone.

Old-fashioned games, with Everett Taylor, James Loudoun, C. T. Teasdale, Archie Smith, J. G. Thomson, Don Davis, Pat Brien and Reg Palmer in charge, were well handled. Following this, Jack Woodley, as good old St. Nick, made his appearance with his bulging sack slung over his shoulder. Everyone joined in community singing of old favorites with Mr. Loudoun as conductor, and T. R. Myers at the piano, after which a buffet supper was served.

Miss Dorothy Parsons, accompanied by Dudley Wickett, sang two much-appreciated songs before the dancing, which was enjoyed until a late hour. Several impromptu turns and medleys proved popular.

Obituaries

MAYNARD—At the Oaklands Gospel Hall yesterday afternoon funeral services for Thomas Henry Maynard were conducted by B. Sutherland, H. L. Hopkins and J. W. Robertson of Lake Cowichan. The following acted as pallbearers: P. Smart, A. Inrig, W. Galloway, G. Stewart, J. Thompson and C. Butcher. Interment was in Royal Oak Burial Park. McCall Bros. were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

SMITH—The funeral of William Howard Smith will be held from McCall Brothers' Funeral Home on Saturday afternoon at 2, under the auspices of Confederation Lodge. Interment will take place in Royal Oak Burial Park.

CRAGG—Private funeral services for Mrs. Irene Cragg were held yesterday afternoon at Sapp's Mortuary Chapel. Rev. Arthur Bischoffberger officiated. The following acted as pallbearers: James McCrimmon, W. J. Owen, Jr., J. W. Harness and George Cragg. The remains were laid at rest in the Colwood Burial Park.

HARRIS—Funeral services for Sir Arthur Ambrose Hall Harris, K.B.E., were held in Christ Church Cathedral yesterday afternoon. Dean S. H. Elliott officiated. The following were the pallbearers: Hamilton Harman, F. E. Winslow, Major A. G. Piddington, Edward Boydell, H. C. Morris and Thomas A. Piddington. Cremation at Royal Oak followed the services. Hayward's B.C. Funeral Company were the directors.

LONG—At the Royal Jubilee Hospital yesterday William Henry Long of 1040 Caledonia Avenue, died, aged 83 years. He was born in Charlottetown, P.E.I., and came to Victoria 17 years ago. He is survived by his daughter, Christina M., at home, and three sons, Cleveland and Grafton of Saskatchewan, and James of Charlottetown, and one brother, Albert, in Ottawa. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 at McCall Brothers' Funeral Home. Rev. A. E. Whitehouse will officiate. Interment will be in Colwood Burial Park.

NELSON (CP)—Mrs. Annie Eunsion, 62, prominent church worker and secretary of the Nelson district women's institute for the past six years, died here last night. Mrs. Eunsion, who also was secretary of the Mary E. Davidson Memorial Fund for blind children since 1937, is survived by her husband.

IVY NORTH, Que. (CP)—Mrs. William Henry Drummond, 69, widow of Canada's famed "poet of the Habitant," died Tuesday at her country home in this village, about 50 miles northeast of Montreal. Predeceased by her husband in 1907, Mrs. Drummond had been in ill-health for some time. She edited "The Great Fight," written by Dr. Drummond shortly before his death. In it she included an interesting and enlightening character sketch of the author.

HUNDREDS INVITE SAILOR VISITORS

At least 300 sailors now in Victoria and away from their homes will be guests of Victoria families during the Christmas season. Some families have invited one sailor for Christmas, others have invited two or more, and one family has invited 12.

Alderman W. H. Davies, E. 7441, who is making the arrangements to bring hosts and guests together, reports the response has more than equalled expectations, but points out that most of the invitations have been for British sailors. He points out that there are many Canadian sailors in port, including young men from prairie towns, and believes there are people who would like to have them as guests.

Overnight Entries At Tanforan

First race—Six furlongs: Boreen 106, Vahlding 104, W. 109, E. 106, Sweep 106. All Play—112, Vahlding 106, Queen 106. Better Luck 112, Blue 106, Pogue 109. Miss Mollie 106, Flying V 106, Kitty's Polvo 109, Secret 112, Katy's Toy 105. Second race—Six furlongs: Alton 114, Orderly 109, Bernhardt 112, Grace 106, Mortgage 117, Cal Neri 109, Miami 114. 867 Blood 106, Prier 114, People 11. Pat W. 109, War Games 114, Cairns 109. Third race—Six furlongs: Pickwick 104, Brown Blaney 99, Cue Ball 115, Ben Ball 106, Maurice 105, Dan 112, Gordon's Gift 107, Easter 104, Shasta 112, Lovely Bella 106, Piker Player 108, Nank 107. Fourth race—Mile and a sixteenth: Six Breeze 107, Count-Robert 112, Pima Girl 104, Higgins 107, Herman Jr. 111, White Dancer 104, Easter Tommy 112. Belle's Last 104, Nojout 107, Red Cent 107, Cloning Time 110, Sunday Child 104. Fifth race—Mile and a sixteenth: Neely 109, Grace 106, Come to 106, 2-2-1 104, Victoria 117, Fremont 104, Chilly 110, Perseus 112, 106, Glasgow 110, Disent 107, Quiknot 104, Gold Spray 109. Sixth race—Six furlongs: Deline 104, Shadytown 113, Sky Pirate 112, Patriotic 112, Alaskan 112, Gallant Prior 113, Slave Song 107. Seventh race—Mile and 50 yards: Battling Kate 110, Ben Chance 104, Reemona 104, Sweet Betty 103, Dorothy Oyster 103, Miss Chatham 109, Galwar 109, Sable Girl 109, Glen Brush 104. Eighth race—Mile and a sixteenth: Gallant Eagle 110, Wyoming 104, Drunkwater 110, My Tom 110, Portencia 104, Patrick 109, Peter Moon 104, Secret 107, Mary Cardinal 106, Direct 112, Diddulus 109, Nahili 107.



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This leads us to offer "your money back" if you are not entirely satisfied with the results you get. Make your test now and prove to yourself how good Hem-Rid really is.

New Companies

Nine new British Columbia companies were incorporated during the last week, as follows:

Ford's Cafe Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver.
Citizens' Night Patrol Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver.
The C.D. Mining Co. Ltd. (N.P.L.), \$200,000, Vancouver.
James Radio Ltd., \$15,000, Vancouver.

Rialto Hotel Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver.

Evans Safety Storage Ltd., \$25,000, Vancouver.

Fort Motors Ltd., \$10,000, Port Alberni.

Young's Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver.

Vanark Ltd., 100 shares no par value, Vancouver.

Vote B. J. Gadsden as alderman.

TOO LALE TO CLASSIFY

NAVY TO CONTINUE DAILY RUM RATION

OTTAWA (CP)—Men of the Royal Canadian Navy and other branches of Canada's active service forces may well say "heave ho, my hearties" today for that ration of rum is to be continued. After examination by government experts a proposal to substitute brandy for the traditional rum ration has been squelched.

C.P.R. Old Timers Plan Reunion

VANCOUVER—Old-timers of the Canadian Pacific Railway expect to have themselves a time at their first Christmas dinner in Spencer's dining-room here next Monday at 6.

The local rail veterans do not want to be stingy about it, and are extending cordial invitations to their brethren in Kamloops, Revelstoke, Victoria, New Westminster, Nanaimo and elsewhere in the west side of British Columbia to come along and join the fun.

In charge of the banquet, first of its kind and expected to inaugurate the Yule reunion as a permanent fixture, is the Canadian Pacific Railway Social and Service Association. Hon. Harry Mills, president, expects to preside at a gathering of some 250 rail veterans, their wives, friends and railway officials on Monday evening.

Members of the Canadian Pacific male choir, conducted by Robert T. Jones, will head an attractive program. Speakers will include C. A. Cotterell, assistant general manager, C.P.R.; Capt. R. W. McMurray, Victoria, manager B.C. Coast Steamship Service, and Capt. Edmund Alkman, general superintendent C.P. steamships.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are advised that the light on Harris Island, entrance to Seymour Inlet, is reported not burning.

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Wheat Export Down But Value Higher

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's exports of wheat during November totaled 20,635,199 bushels, compared with 21,703,514 bushels in November last year, but the value last month was \$14,842,030 against \$12,727,905 a year ago, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Average November export price was \$0.719 per bushel, compared with \$0.586 a year ago.

November exports of wheat flour—totalled 572,810 barrels against 477,875 a year ago and were valued at \$1,847,100, compared with \$1,560,168 in November, 1938. Average export price was \$3.225 per barrel, compared with \$3.266.

In the 12-month period ended November 30 exports totaled 144,474,664 bushels of wheat valued at \$92,056,977, compared with 104,832,036 bushels worth \$88,501,354 in the previous corresponding period.

Name Airways' Directors

MONTREAL (CP)—E. W. Hutchins, Winnipeg, was elected last night executive vice-president of Canadian Airways Limited at a directors' meeting called to fill vacancies on the board.

J. W. Tackaberry, Winnipeg, was appointed secretary and W. H. Coates, Montreal, assistant secretary. Three new directors were elected, L. B. Unwin of Montreal, J. O. Apps, Montreal, and G. A. Thompson, Winnipeg.

The presidency, left vacant by the death of James Richardson of Winnipeg, was not filled at the meeting.

Old U.S. Trawlers Go to French

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Coast Guard released yesterday five old American trawlers sold to the French government, the delivery of which had been delayed pending a determination of legal questions involved.

The French gave official assurance the trawlers would be employed strictly for commercial purposes. This cleared away legal barriers and the treasury, state and justice departments then agreed there was no reason for further delay.

WHEAT IN STORE

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian wheat in store in Canada in the week ended December 8 amounted to 349,590,136 bushels compared with 350,178,010 the previous week and 170,927,818 the corresponding week of 1938, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Canadian wheat in the United States totaled 35,966,056 bushels compared with 33,882,333 the previous week and 8,601,000 last year.

British Take Mail From U.S. Steamship

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP)—Capt. S. F. Ransome of the steamship Exeter of the American Export Line said yesterday 252 bags of United States mail addressed to Germany, Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia, were removed from his ship by British authorities on his last east-bound crossing.

The Exeter docked yesterday after an uneventful trip from Mediterranean ports. "The British boarded my ship at Gibraltar," Capt. Ransome said, "and ordered me to turn over the mail. When I refused, the Exeter was escorted into port and I was taken before the British contraband control."

Capt. Ransome said he gave up the mail after the ship was delayed 12 hours.

Freighter Which Asked Aid Is Proceeding

SEATTLE (AP)—The freighter Vermont of the Quaker Line, which radioed distress headquarters here of the coastguard shortly before 4 a.m. today that she was in need of assistance nine miles west of Grays Harbor, Wash., sent a second message two hours later that she was proceeding under her own power.

The Vermont's first message said she had encountered engine trouble and the cutter Onondaga, based at Astoria, Ore., left to go to her aid. The Onondaga halted her rescue trip when word was received of the vessel's recovery.

A heavy northeast gale was raging during the ship's plight. Her captain said his vessel was not in danger at any time.

NEWSPRINT PRODUCTION

NEW YORK (CP)—The Newsprint Service Bureau yesterday announced newsprint production in Canada during November, 1939, amounted to 288,826 tons and shipments to 287,689 tons.

Production in the United States was 78,886 tons and shipments 81,410 tons, making a total United States and Canadian newsprint production of 367,512 tons and shipments of 369,279 tons. There were 30,359 tons made in Newfoundland during the month. The North American total of 397,971 tons produced compared with 363,329 tons in November, 1938.

MINE ISSUES WEAK

TORONTO (CP)—Mining issues were moderately weak and other groups displayed general firmness today on Toronto Exchange.

National Steel Car, Canadian Car, Dishar Steel Pfd., Steel of Canada, Pressed Metals and Burlington Steel all closed fractionally higher. Massey-Harris stocks firmed. International Petroleum and British-American Oil posted small losses.

Goodyear stocks sold ex-dividend and the preferred weakened 4 and the common nearly 2. Consumers' Gas, also ex-dividend, was off 1 1/2.

(By A. E. Ames & Co.)

Stock	Bid	Asked
Algonquin	24	25
Bank of Montreal	24	25
Bank of Toronto	24	25
Bank of Victoria	24	25
Bank of Western Canada	24	25
Bank of Western United	24	25
Bank of Western Union	24	25
Bank of Western World	24	25
Bank of Western York	24	25
Bank of Western Zee	24	25
Bank of Western A	24	25
Bank of Western B	24	25
Bank of Western C	24	25
Bank of Western D	24	25
Bank of Western E	24	25
Bank of Western F	24	25
Bank of Western G	24	25
Bank of Western H	24	25
Bank of Western I	24	25
Bank of Western J	24	25
Bank of Western K	24	25
Bank of Western L	24	25
Bank of Western M	24	25
Bank of Western N	24	25
Bank of Western O	24	25
Bank of Western P	24	25
Bank of Western Q	24	25
Bank of Western R	24	25
Bank of Western S	24	25
Bank of Western T	24	25
Bank of Western U	24	25
Bank of Western V	24	25
Bank of Western W	24	25
Bank of Western X	24	25
Bank of Western Y	24	25
Bank of Western Z	24	25

Foreign Exchange

OTTAWA (CP)—The Foreign Exchange Control Board today announced the following exchange rates:

American funds: 10 per cent premium buying, 11 per cent premium selling.

Sterling: \$4.43 buying; \$4.47 selling.

NEW YORK (AP)—Late rates follow:

Great Britain in dollars, others in cents. Great Britain, demand 3.94 1/2; Great Britain, cables 3.95 1/2; 60-day bills 3.90 1/2; 90-day bills 3.88 1/2; Canada, Montreal in New York \$7.06 1/2; Canada, New York in Montreal 114.75; France 2.23.

Rates in spot cables unless otherwise indicated.

Calgary Livestock

CALGARY (CP)—Receipts to noon: Cattle 212, calves 17, hogs 983, sheep 11.

Light heifers 5.00 to 5.50, good cows 4.00 to 4.25, common to medium 3.25 to 3.75, common to medium bulls 3.50 to 4.00, good stocker and feeder steers 5.50 to 6.00, good lambs yesterday 8.25.

No hog sales. Last hogs 8.00, off trucks.

Wheat

WINNIPEG (CP)—Profiting-taking and lack of aggressive support gave wheat futures prices an easier tone on Winnipeg Grain Exchange today. Quotations fluctuated nervously before finishing 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents lower, December at 82 1/2, May 86 to 86 1/2 and July 87 1/4.

Early in the session good commission house buying boosted quotations as much as a cent, but this support soon wilted before profit-taking pressure. Strong trends on outside markets encouraged the initial purchasing.

Export interests were credited with moderate purchases in the pit at times and it was believed their buying represented a foreign business of about 600,000 bushels in Canadian wheat. Most overseas sales appeared destined to neutral countries of Europe.

Eastern mill interests in the lower grades provided the only activity in a dull cash wheat market. In the coarse grain pit, southern buying in rye strengthened prices of that commodity while profit-taking checked values in all others.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)												
Wheat—P. Clo.		Open	High	Low	Clos.							
Dec.	87-0	87-1	88-5	87-1	87-0							
Jan.	87-0	88-5	89-5	88-0	87-0							
Feb.	88-7	89-0	89-0	87-1	87-0							
Barley—												
Dec.	49-3	50	50	48-1	48-0							
Jan.	50-5	51-7	53-3	51-1	51-0							
Feb.	50-5	51-2	51-4	50-2	50-0							
Oats—												
Dec.	38-4	38-3	38-3	37-3	37-0							
Jan.	38-4	38-4	38-4	37-3	37-0							
Feb.	37-4	37-6	37-7	36-4	36-0							
Rye—												
Dec.	—	73-5	75-2	73-2	73-0							
Jan.	—	76-4	77-7	75-6	76							
Feb.	—	75-7	77-2	75-5	75-0							
Cash Grain Close												

OUR BOARDING HOUSE, with Major Hoople



OUT OUR WAY—

By Williams



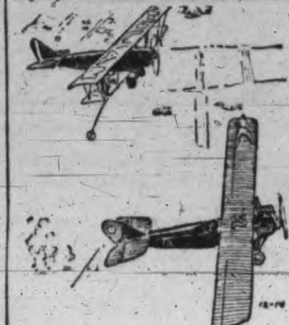
Uncle Ray

Call for Help May Save Pilot in Distress

Here is a little problem to solve:

"If you were an airplane pilot and had lost one of your landing wheels while in the air, what would you do?"

That sort of thing has taken place from time to time. Some pilots have decided to land as well as possible with the crippled gear. More than once their skill has brought a safe, though bumpy landing. In other cases the plane has turned over, with injury or death to those aboard.



Passing a wheel from one airplane to another.

Another way is to call for help. It is hard to make anyone on the ground hear a shout from an airplane, but a pilot might circle around an airfield for a time, until someone noticed the trouble with the landing gear. Transport pilots have radio phones with which they can call for help.

To the rescue may come another plane. As it sails overhead, it is watched closely. The pilot, or his assistant, lets down a rope with a wheel at the end.

The next step is for someone aboard the crippled plane to walk out (or crawl out) on a wing and wait until the wheel is let down to a point where he can seize it.

The rest is just a repair job in the air. The wheel is put in its proper place.

That is not a story of fancy. It actually has happened, with the plane making a safe landing afterward.

It has become common for one airplane to feed gasoline to another in the air. Men have piloted airplanes for weeks at a stretch. Going round and round over the ocean or over the land, they have tested their plane's power to keep running.

Long flights of that kind are possible only because a fresh supply of fuel can be obtained from time to time. Usually the gasoline is obtained from another plane in flight.

To this date, gasoline has proved the best fuel for airplanes. As to the future, we cannot say what will be the best fuel. Perhaps scientists will discover some fuel or power many times as good as gasoline.

HOROSCOPE

Friday, December 15

Adverse planetary aspects appear to dominate today. Fears and regrets may assail those who look back over the year, for there is a sign that causes apprehension and anxiety. It is not a favorable date to begin any work, but fortunate for clearing up whatever has not been finished. Women are fairly lucky under this sway, which favors domestic interests and shopping. The date is good for social affairs and amusements. Girls will make acquaintances among young men, but there is no promise of romances.

Relatives come under a configuration that seems to indicate sharp differences of opinion. Criticism of the young may affect the harmony of family reunions. A more serious outlook upon life by the young as well as the old will mark the new year.

Many engagement rings will be sold as whirlwind courtships become prevalent. War-born prosperity will cast its glamour over the whole land. Commerce between United States and South American nations will be greatly stimulated. Big business will be generous toward employees and profit-sharing will gain in popularity in 1941.

After the holidays there will be agitation in the U.S. for a return to prohibition. Increase of crime will be of general concern as the winter advances. Despite the uncovering of vice rings in various cities, reform movements will appear to be sporadic and soon forgotten. Churches and civic organizations will combine to protect the people from organized forces of evil.

Misinformation regarding a certain government and its policies will be broadcast by enemies. Danger of a major disaster in an Atlantic seaport is prognosticated.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: The bandages used by ancient barbers who practiced the art of blood-letting as a cure for various ailments.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

DEAR MISS DIX—I am a girl of 17 and I hate my own sex because a girl who has a brother can't have a girl friend. They are all hypocrites, pretending to like her when they are just after her brothers. One girl even had the nerve to tell me that I was stingy because I didn't introduce her to my brothers. I get so angry with them that I would like to choke every girl I know. If the silly-fools only knew my brothers as I know them, they wouldn't be so crazy about them.

ANSWER: Heavens, Sally, don't be so hard on your sex. Have a heart. Before long you yourself will be snuggling up to some other girl who has a good-looking brother. It is part of the game and, believe me, brothers are a great asset because it works both ways. Just as you bring pretty girls to the house for your brothers, they will bring nice boys to the house for you.

Of course, you don't understand what other girls see to rave over in your brothers. Neither do they see why other boys should admire you. It has been said that no man can imagine how on earth his sister ever got married.

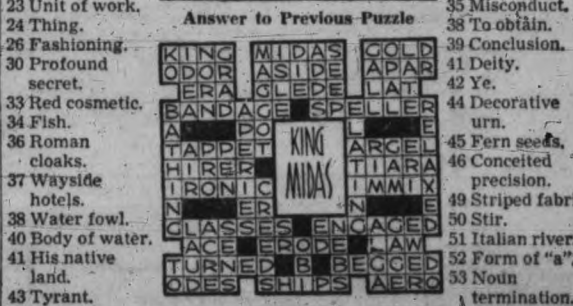
Brothers have their disadvantages. They are likely to be awfully bossy and over-critical, but for all of that they have their points. For one thing, they are the best sort of chaperons, and you will be a wise girl if you listen to their advice and get a lot of tips about what not to do from their criticism of girls.

Through your brothers' eyes you can see how boys look at girls and what stress they put on certain qualities, what line of character they condemn, and generally what they like a girl to do and leave undone, and you will find this a great help to popularity.

DOROTHY DIX.



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| HORIZONTAL | 47 To prosper. | 4 To appoint. | 20 To liberate. |
| 1 Pictured | 48 Promise. | 5 To below. | 21 Examination. |
| 2 famous | 49 Constellation. | 6 Rids of water. | 23 Breakfast food. |
| 3 operatic | 51 Fairy. | 7 Small tumors. | 25 To halt. |
| 4 composer. | 52 To dwell. | 8 Blood vessel. | 27 Electrified particle. |
| 5 Similar. | 54 He was the | 9 To scold constantly. | 28 Convent dweller. |
| 6 More painful. | of music | 10 Sea eagle. | 29 Row of a series. |
| 7 Region. | drama (pl.). | 11 Back. | 30 Plateau. |
| 8 Conception. | VERTICAL | 12 is the | 31 Self. |
| 9 Godly person. | 1 Infolite. | hero of two of his operas. | 32 Hastened. |
| 10 To snarl. | 2 Cake | decorator. | 33 Misconduct. |
| 11 Ever. | 3 Tea. | 15 Dressed. | 38 To obtain. |
| 12 Fire tools. | | | 39 Conclusion. |
| 13 To sin. | | | 41 Deity. |
| 14 Unit of work. | | | 42 Ye. |
| 15 Thing. | | | 44 Decorative urn. |
| 16 Fashioning. | | | 45 Fern seeds. |
| 17 Profound | | | 46 Conceited precision. |
| 18 secret. | | | 49 Striped fabric. |
| 19 Red cosmetic. | | | 50 Stir. |
| 20 Fish. | | | 51 Italian river. |
| 21 Roman | | | 52 Form of "a". |
| 22 cloaks. | | | 53 Noun termination. |
| 23 Wayside | | | |
| 24 hotels. | | | |
| 25 Water fowl. | | | |
| 26 Body of water. | | | |
| 27 His native | | | |
| 28 land. | | | |
| 29 Tyrant. | | | |



Japan may execute some sort of a coup that is typically Oriental and successful. Friendship with the United States will be sought, but there is a sign of evil portent regarding a future pact of great importance.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the augury of a year of test in which the health should be especially watched. Fraud and double-dealing may cause losses. Conservative financial methods are enjoined.

Children born on this day may be sensitive, refined and retiring in nature. Gifted with artistic talents, they may be too temperamental for the general peace of the family.

Boots and Her Buddies



By Martin



Wash Tubbs



By Roy Crane



Mr and Mrs.



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Wool for Britain

LONDON (CP)—British government representatives will buy sheared wool for the government's account at public auctions held in South Africa in an effort to stabilize prices and facilitate purchases, according to the Ministry of Supply.

The move is expected to prevent sales at auction at prices less than the fixed level at which the government makes its purchases.

it was explained. This decision will apply only to sales of the current wool crop and until the fixed maximum of government purchases has been reached, the ministry said.

MELBOURNE, Australia (CP)—A 16-year-old ship's boy, docking here received a letter from his mother instructing him to "bring back a koala." As the Australian "toy bears" are not to be exported, the lad had to be satisfied with a dummy.

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Clubwomen's News

The Senior W.A. of St. Alban's Church met at the home of Mrs. F. Comley on Monday evening. The oldest member, Miss Pickersgill, being unable to attend, was sent a card of greeting for her 80th birthday, signed by all members. This recently-organized branch reports very gratifying results for the year just closed, with a growing membership and increasing interest. All officers were re-elected as follows: Mrs. D. Swan, president; Miss Dorothy Gordon Cox, secretary; Mrs. Arthur Proudfoot, treasurer; Mrs. John Usher, Dorcas secretary; Mrs. F. Comley, extra cent secretary; Mrs. Hopley, visitor. The meetings for the winter months are to be held at 2.15 in the afternoon, the next to be on January 8.

Victoria Chapter No. 25, Women of the Moose, held a Christmas banquet Monday. Senior Regent Mrs. M. Carter welcomed the members. Supper was served by the committee. Mrs. A. Bird, Mrs. S. Wetherall and Mrs. M. Drummond, convened by Mrs. N. Cownden. Mrs. A. Hatcher, Mrs. P. Mooney and Mrs. Thompson were in charge of the tables, which were decorated in red and green, with tapers to match in silver holders, also Christmas place cards. A short meeting was held later, when several members were welcomed back, also a report given on sick members. Senior Regent Carter presented members with small birthday gifts, which were distributed by Mrs. Thompson as Santa Claus. A guessing contest was won by Mrs. A. Bird. A community sing-song was held, with Mrs. A. Veatch at the piano and Mrs. Bohanan leading the singing. Refreshments were served by the committee, and Mrs. M. Carter presented a birthday cake with greetings to all. Members were reminded of the social meeting on December 18, instead of December 25. Plans were completed for the turkey whist drive to take place at 8.30 sharp in the K. of P. Hall.

The annual meeting of Centennial W.M.S. was held Monday, with the president, Mrs. M. Elder, in the chair. The treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Harris, announced the allocation for 1939 had been exceeded; also a bequest to the society of \$123 from the estate of Miss Catherine Tranter. The meeting opened with a Christmas program in charge of Mrs. Geo. Henderson, assisted by Mrs. J. Hopkins and Mrs. A. E. Farquhar. Mrs. J. D. Wilson gave the citizenship report. Thirty-nine calls made by members of the community friendship committee to homes and hospitals were reported by Mrs. Farquhar. Mrs. W. W. Bennett gave a summary of the third chapter of the study book. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Crowe; president, Mrs. M. Elder; vice-president, Mrs. J. D. Wilson; recording secretary, Mrs. W. W. Bennett; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. W. Kerley; treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Harris; Christian stewardship, Mrs. J. Hopkins; temperance and C.G. I.T., Mrs. William Almond; community friendship, Mrs. A. E. Farquhar; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. J. Mitchell; Associate Helpers, Mrs. J. Cox; supply, Mrs. W. E. Hobson; Mite Box, Mrs. A. Couch; press, Mrs. George Henderson; literature, Mrs. S. S. Peat. Mrs. Seivwright led the closing prayer.

The annual meeting of St. Aidan's United W.M.S. was held on Tuesday at the Assembly Hall, Mount Tolmie. Mrs. L. Holling, president, was in the chair. Reports were heard from the various officers. Miss Cooper took the devotional and Mrs. F. Griffin sang a solo. Mrs. T. G. Griffiths gave a resume from the book, "The World in Canada." Rev. T. G. Griffiths presided at the election of officers and the following were elected: Honorary president, Mrs. Govenlock; president, Mrs. L. Holling; first vice-president, Mrs. F. Jennings; second vice-president, Mrs. W. Harvey; secretary, Mrs. C. F. Daw-



The Red Cross Players presentation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Empire Theatre December 20 and 21 will feature a local cast of 24 players and magnificent costumes especially designed for the show by Mme. Kransloover, formerly costume designer at the Theatre des Champs Elysees, Paris. Shown taking the roles of Theseus and his court are Joyce Baylis, Daphne Savage, Jack Rutan, Irene Murray and James McAree. The play is sponsored by the Red Cross Society, which will benefit from the proceeds.



Atlantans stands in lines blocks long and still can't get tickets to the big ball or the premiere.

Atlanta Goes Crazy With the Wind

ATLANTA — Gone crazy with the wind! That's Atlanta as the week of the world premiere of "Gone With the Wind" has come. Not since Sherman's men marched out in '64 and left ashes behind them has the city been so completely ablaze.

The movie premiere has been turned into a three-day elvish celebration that will bring every hoop-skirt out of every attic trunk in Atlanta.

It's a movie press agents' paradise. People are screaming for tickets to Thursday's opening show at \$10 a head, proceeds to go to the Community Fund. People are tramping on each other in lines four blocks long to get tickets to the Junior League ball Wednesday night. The National Guard will be out on opening night, December 15, to preserve order, and they'll see more action than some of the troops in the Maginot Line.

THEY CAN'T HOLD THEM ALL

Because the theatre seats only 2,031 people, and the city auditorium can admit only 5,100 to the ball, most of the milling

thousands will get no closer to the visiting actors who played the leading roles in the movie than a street parade will permit. How to get tickets was front-page news in the local press.

Vivien Leigh, the screen "Scarlett O'Hara," and Clark Gable, the screen "Rhett Butler," together with other stars of the film, and even Kay Kyser, who is playing for the dance, will ride in triumph through the Atlanta streets on Thursday afternoon.

That evening, Gable and person will dance with some lucky Atlanta debutante whose physical measurements have solemnly been found closest to those of Vivien Leigh. She will wear the same \$5,000 white muslin gown Miss Leigh wears in the picture.

THEY CAN'T INTEREST MARGARET MITCHELL. Almost the only calm person in Atlanta is the one who is at the very centre of the hullabaloo. She is Margaret Mitchell, girl who wrote the big book. Miss Mitchell is dodging most of the festivities that have turned Atlanta upside down to make a Hollywood holiday. She slipped away to one of the Sea Islands to try sunbathing for a cold.

The retiring officers presented interesting reports and were warmly thanked for their loyalty and co-operation. The branch reported an increase in membership, the pledge was fully met and much Dorcas work had been accomplished. The Girls' Auxiliary was represented and congratulated on the report of an excellent year's work. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Mrs. S. H. Elliott; president, Mrs. M. W. Mackenzie; second vice-president, Miss Wormald; recording secretary, Miss M. E. Rathbone; treasurer, Mrs. T. J. Greenway; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Price; Dorcas secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Dwyer; thankoffering secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. F. Fatt; extra-cent secretary, Mrs. Wriglesworth; education secretary, Miss Ross Jones; girls' leader, Miss B. M. Muttlow; junior superintendent, Miss B. M. Carlisle; Little Helpers, Miss L. Graves; Prayer Partner, Mrs. Merrick; social service, Miss Allenby; representatives to the Diocesan Board, Mrs. Claude Gardner and Mrs. MacDonald. The offices of first vice-president and Living Message secretary will be filled later.

The afternoon branch of St. John's W.A. held its annual meeting in the guild-room on Tuesday afternoon, when a successful year's work was brought to a close, under the able leadership of the president, Mrs. Brake. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Mrs. F. A. P. Chadwick; president, Mrs. Brake; vice-president, Mrs. Fatt; second vice-president, Mrs. Fuller; recording secretary, Mrs. Blackmore; treasurer, Mrs. Kirk; edu-

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the president, Mrs. A. R. Anderson, on behalf of the members, with a handbag and gloves.

Election of officers took place as follows: President, Mrs. T. Haddon; vice-president, Mrs. W. Ballantyne; secretary, Mrs. G. Bickford; treasurer, Mrs. L. Hafer; directors, Mrs. A. B. Anderson; Mrs. A. Francis Mrs. G. E. Smith and Mrs. S. Shiner. Tea hostesses were Mrs. E. Lee and Mrs. S. Shiner.

Social and Personal

Miss Alice Ruffell, a December bride-to-be, was the guest of honor on Monday evening when her associates in the Motor Records Department of the Provincial Government, entertained at a no-hostess party in Terry's room. Upon her arrival, Miss Ruffell received a corsage bouquet of pink carnations and later a crystal hostess set was presented to her from her friends.

Court whist and other card games were enjoyed. A buffet supper was served from a table covered with bronze chrysanthemums. Those present were Mesdames W. Walsh, G. Moore, Nelson, Brayshaw, E. Macintosh, R. Knott, H. Thompson, and the Misses R. Steele, M. Thomson, N. Johnson, V. Jacklin, N. Thorburn, S. Jones, M. Metro, D. Robertson, E. Bourne, E. Kay, K. Barnes, I. Cassillo, F. Foyer, V. Harrie, C. Crawford, S. Sangster, R. Norris, R. Balcorn, F. Byatt, G. Spencer, M. Winterbottom, M. Coates, J. Thorne, F. Cownden, D. Pettigall, B. Lindgren, J. Wilson, A. Chaney, J. Smith, P. Cox, D. King, G. Evans, V. Ross, R. Webster, P. Wood, E. Bessett, M. Hood, J. Robinson, J. McGraw, L. Steele, L. Howard, P. Dykes, M. Armstrong, I. Zarelli, E. Brin, B. Hemmingson, A. Doheny, D. Neate and E. Watson.

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Perils of War-time. HENDON, England—An airplane hit a tree and bounced into two houses here, throwing blazing petrol from its tanks as they exploded. The pilot was killed and three women in the houses suffered from shock.

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